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**2022 Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV)  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**1. What is the Search for Outstanding Volunteers?**

Created in 2001, the Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) is a recognition program aimed to highlight the exemplary volunteer services rendered by individual volunteers, organizations, and local government units in empowering communities and contributing to the country's development goals.

This is being conducted by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA), in coordination with National Economic and Development Authority Regional Offices (NROs), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) through the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA).

**2. Is there a required area of coverage for the volunteer work carried out?**

Only volunteer work conducted within the Philippines will be considered. Programs/projects/activities which are part of the National Service Training Program or PPAs under the extension function of universities/colleges are not considered.

**3. Are foreign volunteers eligible for nomination?**

For individuals, only Filipino citizens are eligible. For organizations, only Philippine or local chapters of foreign/international non-profit organizations and corporate organizations.

**4. Is there an age requirement for a possible nominee under the Individual Category?**

Yes. For the youth, the nominee should be at least 18 years old and not older than 30 years old. For the adult subcategory, the nominee should be at least 31 years old.

**5. Do organizations need to be registered in order to qualify for the nomination?**

Nominated organizations must be registered with/accredited by a government agency (e.g. SEC, DTI, DOLE-BRW/CDA, LGU, DSWD) and/or relevant accreditation group/organization (public or private) in order to qualify for the Award.

**6. Can government employees qualify for the award?**

Yes, government employees may qualify for the award as long as the volunteer work is carried out outside/beyond their duties/responsibilities as government employees.



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**7. Is self-nomination allowed?**

Yes, self-nomination is allowed.

**8. Can I nominate more than one individual/organization?**

Yes, you may nominate as many individuals/organizations as you want.

**9. Can I nominate an individual/organization who is a recipient of another volunteer award?**

Yes, individuals/organizations who received an award from another group/organization/company may be nominated as long as he/she/they meet the criteria.

**10. Can I nominate an organization (for the Organization Category) as well as its Head (for the Individual Category) at the same time?**

Nomination of the organization and the head of the same organization in the same year is not allowed.

**11. Can I nominate previous awardees of the SOV?**

Previous awardees of SOV are no longer eligible to be nominated.

**12. What is the prize to be received by the awardees?**

There is no monetary incentive for this Search. Awardees will receive plaques and certificates of recognition and will be invited to attend the awarding ceremony in their region. They will also be featured in the future publications of PNVSCA.

**13. Where can we download the nomination forms?**

The nomination forms can be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/SOV2022NOMINATION>, [www.pnvsca.gov.ph](http://www.pnvsca.gov.ph), the websites of NEDA Regional Offices (<https://bit.ly/NEDAROs>), and <https://bpda.bangsamoro.gov.ph/>

**14. Where can we submit the accomplished nomination forms and attachment?**

Nominations must be submitted to the Regional Search Committees handling the region where the volunteer programs/projects/activities of the nominee were rendered.



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