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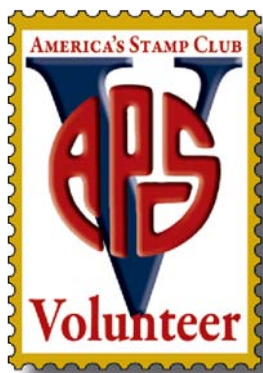
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Nominations Are Now Open for the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards



The American Philatelic Society Volunteer Recognition Awards that APS President Nick Carter helped establish have been renamed in his memory. At an online meeting September 29, the APS Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the renaming of these honors as the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards.

At the APS General Membership meeting in Riverside, California, on February 10, 2007, APS President Janet Klug announced approval by the APS Board of a proposal originally put forward by Nick Carter to create APS Volunteer Recognition Awards “for those unsung heroes that serve the hobby at the local and regional level, as well as awards for outstanding young adult philatelists and young philatelists ages 15 to 24 who have served philately. The goal is to motivate potential hobby leaders and reinvigorate their interest. Those who serve the hobby should not be unsung and we believe these awards will recognize their dedication.”

The first Volunteer Recognition Awards were presented at STAMPSHOW 2008 in Hartford, Connecticut. Honor Nick's memory by nominating worthy candidates for the 2009 awards, which will be presented at STAMPSHOW 2009 August 6-9 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Awards in four categories “recognize volunteers that contribute their talents to benefit stamp collecting:”

- **National Promotion/Service** — maximum of five recipients each year
- **Local Promotion/Service** — maximum of ten recipients each year
- **Outstanding Young Adult Philatelist (ages 25–40)** — one award each year
- **Outstanding Young Philatelist (ages 15–24)** — one award each year

Eligibility for these awards require five or more years of service (three years for the Outstanding Young Philatelist). APS membership is not required. APS board members, staff, and Luff Award winners are not eligible. National Promotion/Service Award winners cannot subsequently win the Local Promotion/Service Award, and each award can be won only once. Winners receive the APS Volunteer Pin shown and a certificate.

In addition to providing their name and contact information as well as those of the nominee, nominators should include details including length of service and positions the nominee held with local clubs, philatelic organizations and shows, including mentoring, promotion and leadership roles, as well as citing evidence of excellence, initiative and persistence.

Information and nomination forms for the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards are available on the APS website at http://www.stamps.org/almanac/alm_VolunteerAwards.htm

You can also send a letter requesting nomination a form to APS Awards Nominations, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823, or fax it to 814-933-6128. The deadline for receipt of nominations is December 15.