

**AARP State
Andrus Award
for Community Service**

**2011 Massachusetts
Nomination Form**



AARP Vision

A society in which everyone ages with dignity and purpose and in which AARP helps people fulfill their goals and dreams.

AARP Mission

AARP is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all as we age. We lead positive social change and deliver value to members through information, advocacy, and service.

About AARP

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization with a membership that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to either political campaigns or candidates. We produce *AARP The Magazine*, the definitive voice for 50+ Americans and the world's largest-circulation magazine with over 35.1 million readers; *AARP Bulletin*, the go-to news source for AARP's 40 million members and Americans 50+; *AARP VIVA*, the only bilingual U.S. publication dedicated exclusively to the 50+ Hispanic community; and our website, AARP.org. AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. We have staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

AARP's Legacy of Service

AARP's commitment to volunteer service can be traced back to the life and vision of our founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus. From the beginning, her motto, "to serve, not to be served" has shaped our community service efforts at the national, state, and local levels. Each year, AARP honors the legacy of Dr. Andrus with the AARP State Andrus Award for Community Service, our most prestigious and visible volunteer award. The 2011 State Andrus Award for Community Service will recognize unique individuals who have demonstrated the *power to make it better* in their communities in ways that are consistent with AARP's mission, vision, and commitment to volunteer service, and that inspire others to volunteer.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

AARP State Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Nominees must be 50 years or older.
- The accomplishments, achievements, or service on which the nomination is based must have been performed on a volunteer basis, without pay.
- The accomplishments, achievements, or service on which the nomination is based must reflect AARP's vision and mission.
- Couples or partners who perform service together are also eligible, however teams are *not* eligible.

WHO CAN NOMINATE?

Nominations for the 2011 AARP State Andrus Award for Community Service may be submitted by AARP members, volunteers, chapter or unit members, and community partners. Nominations may also be submitted by external organizations or groups and by members of the public at large. Selection Committee members may not nominate candidates for the AARP State Andrus Award for Community Service.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Selection of the 2011 AARP State Andrus Award for Community Service recipient will be based on the following criteria:

1. How has the work of the nominee improved the community or enhanced the lives of its residents for which the work was performed?
2. How has the nominee's work supported AARP's vision and mission?
3. How has the nominee's work impacted other volunteers or inspired others to volunteer?
4. What is inspiring, courageous, unusual, or innovative about the nominee's achievement?

NOMINATION TIPS:

- **Be specific and clear** about the work the nominee has done.
- **Give examples** of the work performed, when, where and who was served.
- Please **do not** include accomplishments from paid work experience.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2011

Nominations may be submitted by e-mail (santunes@aarp.org), fax (617-723-4224) or mail:
AARP Massachusetts State Office
Attn: Shanel Antunes
One Beacon St., Ste 2301
Boston, MA 02108

Shanel Antunes may be contacted at 617-305-0564 or 1-866-448-3621 (toll free).

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

2002: Pauline Hogan, Littleton
2003: Bertha Lawrence, Pittsfield
2004: Robert Mashia, Chicopee
2005: Jean Haggerty, Amherst
2006: Gerald Stepner, Peabody

2007: Louise Myers, N. Chelmsford
2008: Mary "Muffin" Hester, Lincoln
2009: David Aronstein, Jamaica Plain
2010: Tanya Barnett, Gardner

AARP's Philosophy of Volunteerism

AARP believes that ...

- volunteer service is a unique and valuable contribution which benefits both the volunteer and society.
- AARP volunteers, working in partnership with paid staff and community colleagues, are a necessary and vital force in achieving the Association's vision, mission, and strategic goals.
- volunteers contribute to the Association's goal of attracting, developing, and maintaining the diversity of people and programs which reflect our communities and their needs.
- it is crucial to match the skills, abilities, interest, and availability of volunteers to the tasks and opportunities that advance the Association goals.
- volunteering for AARP is one of many paths by which members can become connected, involved and engaged with their Association.
- a strong commitment to supporting and recognizing volunteers is essential in helping them reach their potential for service.

I am pleased to nominate _____ for the 2011 AARP State Andrus Award for Community Service. I have notified him/her of this nomination and believe that the nominee meets these eligibility requirements:

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Nominator Information:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

How did you become familiar with the volunteer's accomplishments?

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

If the nominee's service was performed as a volunteer for a specific organization or group, please provide a name, address, telephone number, and contact person for that group.

Please complete both pages of this form and return it by close of business on June 1, 2011 to the following AARP State Office:

AARP Massachusetts
Attn: Shanel Antunes
1 Beacon Street, Ste 2301
Boston, MA 02108
(617)305-0564 or santunes@aarp.org

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www.aarp.org/volunteer.