

2021 Community Vision Awards

Call for Nominations

Online Written, Audio, and Video Submissions Welcome! Nomination Deadline: January 7, 2022

NOMINATE NOW: tinyurl.com/nominatecommunityhelpers2021

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About The Awards

The 2021 Community Vision Awards is the second annual opportunity to recognize the Community Helpers of the Greater Newport, Oregon Area. This year's awards have been designed with the help of Community Feedback shared during the 2020 Awards.

Catalyzed by the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee and made possible by a Community Building Grant from The Ford Family Foundation, these awards seek community nominations of outstanding organizations and individuals who are forwarding the [Vision 2040 Community Plan for the Future](#).

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The Categories

This year's nominations will be accepted in the following 4 Categories:

- Outstanding Business
- Outstanding 501(c)3 Nonprofit
- Outstanding Employee
- Outstanding Volunteer

The 2021 Celebration will award 30 winners: 24-Voters' Choice Awards, and 6-Focus Area Standout Awards. All Awards will be organized under the 6 Vision Focus Areas:

A. Enhancing a Livable Region
Housing, Infrastructure, & Transportation

B. Preserving & Enjoying our Environment
Sustainability, & Outdoor Recreation

C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs
Business Support, Economy Diversification and Sustainability

D. Learning, Exploring, & Creating New Horizons - *Education, Job Training, and the Arts*

E. Improving Community Health & Safety
Healthcare, Emergency Services, Food Security, Childcare

F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement
Volunteerism, Collaboration, Civic Engagement, Equity & Inclusion

2021 Community Vision Nominee Voters' Choice Categories	A. Enhancing a Livable Region	B. Preserving & Enjoying our Environment	C. Creating New Businesses & Jobs	D. Learning, Exploring, & Creating New Horizons	E. Improving Community Health & Safety	F. Fostering Collaboration & Engagement
Outstanding Business						
Outstanding 501(c)3 Nonprofit						
Outstanding Employee						
Outstanding Volunteer						

[Click Here to learn about 2020's Award Winners](#)

[Click Here to watch us reveal 2020's Winners](#)

Awards and Recognition

Voters' Choice and Focus Area Standout Winners will receive media recognition, a locally-made trophy, and \$200 in Visa Giftcards.

Winners who are unable to accept gifts for legal, ethical, or personal reasons are encouraged to "Pay it Forward" to a local 501(c)3 Nonprofit of their choice.

All Eligible Nominees will be recognized with a Nominee Page, sharing why they were nominated and links to their online information.

[Click here for the Digital 2020 Community Vision Award Nominee Pamphlet](#)

[Click here to read the Newport News-Times story on the 2020 Community Vision Awards](#)

Judging Criteria

Nominee Eligibility. Nominees will be determined eligible on the following criteria:

- Their efforts must serve the [Greater Newport Area, as defined in Vision 2040](#). Efforts serving a larger region are eligible, as long as Newport is included.
- Their efforts must forward the selected Focus Area.
- Organizations: Valid business or 501(c)3 nonprofit licensing filed on

legally required local, state, & national levels.

- Individuals: Verification from employer, co-worker, volunteer coordinator, or another individual who can attest to their contributions. This can be easily accomplished by the nominator in their nomination method of choice.

Voters Choice Candidate Selection.

The field of eligible nominees will be narrowed for the Voters Choice Awards by a volunteer panel of Community Leaders selected for their familiarity with the Vision 2040. Members of the panel will use a scoring matrix with the following criteria to narrow down the field of nominees to up to 6 Voters Choice Candidates in each of the 24 Categories. Multiple nominations will increase an organization's or individual's score.

WHEN MAKING YOUR NOMINATION, HIGHLIGHTING EFFORTS ALIGNED WITH THE FOLLOWING SCORING CRITERIA WILL IMPROVE YOUR NOMINEE'S CHANCES OF BEING SELECTED AS A VOTERS CHOICE CANDIDATE:

- Alignment with the specified Focus Area
- Collaboration with multiple organizations and community members
- Ongoing impact & sustainability

- Overcoming Adversity and rising to the challenge - “beating the odds”
- Demonstrated inclusivity of all community members (especially groups that are more frequently left out)
- Wide-scoping impact on the Vision 2040

If an award category receives no eligible nominees, the Award Team reserves the right to transfer that award to the second-highest vote recipient in another category in the same Focus Area. All decisions are final.

Entry Information

Nominations will be accepted in the following methods:

- The [Online Nomination Form](#) includes written, audio, and video submission options.
- Request a paper Nomination Form: l.palotas@newportoregon.gov or by Voicemail/Text: 541-270-9970
- Submissions accepted in English, Spanish, and Mam (audio or video).

Deadline

The deadline for nominations is January 7, 2022, 5:00 PM

How to Nominate

Please complete the following steps:

1. Complete the [online entry form](https://tinyurl.com/nominatecommunityhelpers2021) at: tinyurl.com/nominatecommunityhelpers2021 o en español: tinyurl.com/ayudantes2021

OR

1. Request a paper nomination form by email: l.palotas@newportoregon.gov OR by Voicemail/Text: 541-270-9970
2. Your nominee will be contacted about their recognition and must confirm their interest in participation and the next steps of the award process.



2020's Award Trophies in their creation phase

[Click here for the Newport News-Times Story on the 2020 Award Trophies and their Artists](#)

[Click Here to see the finished 2020 Trophies in the Vol 1.10 OC Waves Article](#)

A big thank you to Media Partner, [The Newport News-Times](#), for their coverage and support of the 2020 & 2021 Community Vision Awards!

More Opportunities to Get Involved

Would you like to contribute your skills to the 2021 Community Vision Awards? We are also seeking:

- **Local Artist & Business Submissions for 2021 Award Trophy Concepts.** Would you like to help create functional, one-of-a-kind awards for 2021's Community Helpers? Email l.palotas@newportoregon.gov or Call/Text 541-270-9970
- **Teachers** who would like their students to participate in a passion-driven, community-appreciating assignment catered to many subjects.
- **Students** seeking experiential (learn-by-doing) education opportunities aligned with their unique skills and interests.
- **Businesses, Organizations, and Community Members** can make tax-deductible donations to this year's online auction. All auction proceeds (minus any credit card transaction fees) will be equally split amongst all 2021 Nonprofit Community Vision Award Voters' Choice Winners, The Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society Capital Building Campaign, and the 2021 Community Vision Awards' Fundraising Partner - The Newport Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation.
- **Social Media Enthusiasts**
- **Artists & Graphic Designers**
- **Writers & Videographers**
- **Podcasters, Announcers, MCs**
- **Community Mam Translators**
- **To help with any phase of this year's awards, please email l.palotas@newportoregon.gov or Call/Text 541-270-9970**



Community Vision Awards Timeline

Nomination Phase

November 22-January 7, 2022
Show Gratitude for the Community Helpers: A free mood-booster for the holiday season. Submit nominations by filling online form, emailing or texting video/audio submissions, or by request, paper form.

Narrowing the Field

January 8 - January 28, 2022
A Volunteer Panel of Community Leaders familiar with the Vision 2040 determines nominee eligibility and uses Ranking Criteria to narrow field of Nominees, selecting up to 6 candidates for each Voters' Choice award category.

Public Voting Phase

January 31 - February 14, 2022
Show Love for the Community Helpers: A free mood-booster for everyone around Valentine's Day. Stay tuned to The Newport News-Times and City of Newport communications to participate and share the Public Voting opportunity. Public Votes will select 24 of the total 30 Awardees.

Final Preparations for Award Ceremony

February 1 - Ceremony Date, 2022
To accommodate potential shifts in COVID-19 protocols, event details and community opportunities for participation will be finalized and announced in February 2022.

Focus Area Standout Award Selection

February 16 - March 4, 2022
Vision Committee Work Groups meet to select 6 "Focus Area Standouts" from the remaining nominees. This scoring will include the number of Vision Strategies the nominee's efforts affected in 2021.

2021 Community Vision Awards Ceremony

Between March 12 & 18, 2022 (In-person, Hybrid, or Live Virtual Format & Date/Time TBA)
All winners will be announced! This will be an opportunity for all Nominees and the Community to Celebrate & Reflect, Network, Share Feedback, Share Upcoming Community Participation Opportunities, and Plan Collaborations for the year ahead.

Share Feedback & Plan for Next Year

After the Awards Ceremony
Feedback gathered throughout the Awards process will be shared with the City of Newport and Vision 2040 Stakeholders.