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## Nominations open for Volunteer Northwest Mississippi awards

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Volunteer Northwest Mississippi is seeking nominees for its 2011 President's Volunteer Service Awards.

Twenty-five awards will be presented during an April 12 dinner at the Haraway Center on the Senatobia campus of Northwest Mississippi Community College.

The awards honor outstanding voluntarism throughout Northwest Mississippi, said Peggy Linton, community development director for the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi. Volunteer Northwest Mississippi is an initiative started by the Foundation.

"In total, VNM has awarded 150 service awards in our eight-county region," Linton said. "We want nominations from throughout our region, and this includes DeSoto County."

Anyone wishing to nominate a volunteer should submit contact information on the nominee along with a brief description of their volunteer service. Contact information on the person making the nomination is also required.

Submit nominations by April 1 to Linton via e-mail at [plinton@cfnm.org](mailto:plinton@cfnm.org), fax to (662) 449-5002 or mail to the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, 315 Loshier St., Suite 100, Hernando, MS 38632. Past recipients are not eligible.

More than 100 DeSoto County residents have received the award, which was established in 2003 by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to recognize volunteer contributions in communities throughout the country.



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