

2011-2012 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION Due to the State Office by February 1

The Volunteer of the Year is a member of the local retired educators' organization who gives service to the community/area in which he/she lives. It may be the person with the most hours of service or the person who has spearheaded a program or project that has been helpful to the community.

The volunteer must be recommended by his/her local unit or the state executive board. The volunteer must be a member of the local and state organization. The volunteer must set a good example for colleagues and the youth of the state. The volunteer activities must have been completed within the past year.

Instructions for completing the application:

- Complete the information below
- Attach a brief description of the volunteer activities that the volunteer has done in the past year
- Attach a letter of recommendation by the local unit President or Secretary (or a member of the local unit)
- Attach documentation of the volunteer activities such as newspaper articles, thank you letters, a follow-up report on the impact the service had on the individuals/group served
- Include 2-3 photos of the volunteer doing service. Also, please include a "head shot" of the volunteer
- The completed application should not exceed 6 pages

Name of Volunteer _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Local Unit _____

Member of local? Yes _____ No _____ Member of OREA? Yes _____ No _____

Volunteer Hours for the **current** year: With Youth _____ Community _____ OREA _____

List groups/individuals* served by the volunteer (*individuals = shut-ins, disabled people, special needs children, etc. Please do not give specific names) _____

Applications are due at the state OREA office by February 1. The OREA state office will serve as a clearinghouse to distribute the applications to District Directors. The District Director will have the responsibility of creating a committee made up of a representative from each local in the district to review the applications for the award and select a first and second place winner for their district whose applications will be sent to the State Awards Committee by March 1. The state committee will select the state winners. If the District holds a spring leadership meeting, those two winners may be honored at the district meeting. Winners of the Volunteer of the Year Award will be added to the DVD presentation at the state convention. State winners will be announced at convention.