



## 2021 Inspire Awards Nomination Form

Please complete and return the attached form  
to Becky Smith at Violence Free Minnesota  
by Friday, July 9, 2021 via fax, mail, or email.

### AWARDS PROCESS

- To make a nomination, please complete the attached form for **each** nomination you are making and submit it to Violence Free Minnesota. **If there is another way you wish to communicate your nomination (video, voice recording, etc.) please contact Becky Smith.**  
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- Criteria for each award is listed below to assist you in making nominations.
- The Violence Free Minnesota Board of Directors will make final selections for each category based on the award criteria.
- The nominating party will be informed if their nomination has been selected for an award and **you** will be asked to attend Violence Free Minnesota's Annual Award Dinner on Wednesday September 8, 2021 to assist in presenting the award. We also would like the award recipient to attend the dinner as well.
- Awards will be given at Violence Free Minnesota's Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. The Dinner/Annual Meeting will be held at Embassy Suites in Brooklyn Center, MN



## **AWARD CRITERIA**

All Inspire Award nominees must be nominated by a Violence Free Minnesota member program. Each Inspire Award nominee should further the mission of your organization, as well as further the vision of Violence Free Minnesota. Please explain how your nominee contributes to and champions anti-oppression and anti-racism work, social norm change, economic justice, or better their community.

### **Advocate Inspire Award**

- Recipient must be an advocate of a Violence Free Minnesota member program
- Advocate should further anti-oppression work, social norm change, and/or economic justice
- Nominees provide outstanding advocacy to victim/survivors of relationship abuse, whether working directly with victim/survivors or advocating at a systems- or policy-level.
- Nominations of advocates newer to the work who have innovative and exciting ideas are welcomed

### **Community Leader Inspire Award**

- Nominees may be a local activist, a faith leader, a teacher, a healer, a business, club or local organization -- any person or entity that works to improve their community and the liberation of victims and survivors.
- Nominee should not be a paid staff or volunteer staff with a member agency.
- There is no requirement for any kind of formal work arrangement with a Violence Free Minnesota member program
- Community leader should contribute to anti-oppression work, social norm change, economic justice, and/or work to end relationship abuse in Minnesota and create safer and thriving communities

### **Volunteer Inspire Award**

- "Volunteer" is a broad term: this person, agency, or organization may volunteer by offering pro-bono services, including in the areas of advocacy, awareness, education, research and/or support.
- A volunteer whose work inspires survivors, staff, others in the community and helps form a foundation for the success of the work to end relationship abuse in Minnesota.
- Nominee must be a volunteer (not paid staff) with a Violence Free Minnesota member program



## INSPIRE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

(Use one nomination form for each person nominated.)

I am nominating \_\_\_\_\_ for the following award:

- ☐ Advocate
- ☐ Community Leader
- ☐ Volunteer

The nominee works/volunteers/partners with the following Violence Free Minnesota member organization:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Please describe the reasons why you are nominating this person for the award. Include information about why you have found this person to be an inspiration. Address the selection criteria for the award. If there is another way you wish to communicate your nomination (video, voice recording, etc.) please contact Becky Smith. (Selection criteria listed above. Use additional pages if needed.)

Person making the Nomination:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_