

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Deadline Extended to Nominate Idaho Brightest Stars**

Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteering, has extended the deadline to accept nominations for the annual Brightest Star Awards, a program recognizing outstanding Idaho volunteers in a variety of categories. Nominees and winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Boise Jan. 18, 2017.

Nominations will be accepted Oct. 21, 2016, at [Serveldaho.gov](http://Serveldaho.gov). The categories are:

- Individual
- Student (19 years and younger)
- Veteran
- Senior citizen (55 years and older)
- Business
- Organization
- Teacher/Professor

Nominees must be Idaho residents who have performed volunteer service in 2016. Companies must conduct business in Idaho to be eligible. If the company's headquarters are out of state, local affiliates must be engaged in local volunteer activities. Individuals may submit more than one nomination per category or in multiple categories.

A Serve Idaho panel will review nominations, and Idaho Lt. Gov. Brad Little will select winners in each category. He will also present the awards at the Jan. 18, 2017, ceremony.

For more information on Brightest Stars and volunteering, visit [Serveldaho.gov](http://Serveldaho.gov)

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