



Take Pride in America® Seeks Nominations for Outstanding Volunteers and Volunteer Projects for 2008 National Awards

Take Pride in America® is seeking nominations of individuals, companies or civic groups that have demonstrated a commitment to stewardship of America's public lands. Every year, Take Pride in America presents the National Awards to individuals and groups who have volunteered their time and talent to our federal, state, and local public lands and waterways.

Recognizing volunteers for their service is a fundamental component of Take Pride in America and we need your help to say 'Thank You'! Do you know someone who organized a roadside clean up? Or anyone who works as an interpreter at a park visitor center? They may be eligible for an award in the Individual Category. What about a company that rewards participants in a beach clean up or donates seeds for a garden planting? They may be eligible for an award in the Business Category. There are 10 categories, including Youth, Schools, Public/ Private Partnerships and Local or State Governments. Anyone may submit a nomination; self-nominations are accepted and encouraged!

Nominations are due May 1, 2008 by 12 noon EST. Nominated projects and efforts must have been started and/ or completed between May 1, 2007 and April 30, 2008. Winners will be chosen by a selection committee and are invited to attend an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on July 17, 2008.

Please consider nominating a volunteer or group for a 2008 Take Pride in America National Award. And take a moment to pass this along to others who work with volunteers on a regular basis; they may have award-winning volunteers on their team.

Visit www.TakePride.gov to complete the National Awards application form and for detailed information. *Applications must be submitted online.* If you need additional information on how to nominate an individual or group in one of the 10 award categories, call 202-208-5848.

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