

## **TBS Pathfinder FAQs**

**1. Can the nominee be a salaried employee of the organization?**

The founder of the organization is the only salaried employee who will be considered for the TBS Pathfinders Award.

**2. Can non-profit organizations without tax-exempt status nominate volunteers?**

Yes! TBS Public Affairs will consider a volunteer who serves a non-profit that does not have a 501 c 3 for the TBS Pathfinders Award. However, TBS Public Affairs will not give monetary donations to honored non-profits that do not have this exemption.

**3. Can you nominate a volunteer in subsequent years?**

Yes! If you nominated a volunteer in a previous year and he/she was not selected as a TBS Pathfinder you are encouraged to nominate him/her again.

**4. Does the TBS Pathfinders Program honor the volunteer or the non-profit organization?**

The TBS Pathfinders Award Program honors both the volunteer and the organization. The TBS Pathfinder Awards are given to the volunteers. Monetary donations are given to the non-profits the volunteers serve.

**5. Will materials in the nomination packet be returned?**

No. Due to the volume of nominations received, TBS Public Affairs is unable to return packets. Nominees are urged to send *copies* of sentimental items including photographs and awards.

**6. How many volunteers can be nominated per organization?**

TBS Public Affairs will consider one nomination packet per organization. Please do not submit packets for more than one volunteer per organization.

**7. What if I want to nominate co-founders?**

Co-founders can be nominated. Although there are two volunteers, please submit one packet. In this case, the two volunteers will be considered as one.

**8. Can a volunteer be considered for more than one category?**

No. The volunteer will be considered for only one category and the nominator must make that designation. TBS Public Affairs reserves the right to make category designations at our discretion.

**9. Have the categories changed?**

Yes! Family and Children is now Family. Poverty Issues has been broadened to Economic Empowerment. Public Safety has been replaced with Arts. Health, Education and Environment remain the same.

**10. Does the TBS Pathfinders Program honor emerging or established non-profits?**

The focus of the TBS Pathfinders Program is the volunteer. TBS Public Affairs is committed to recognizing volunteers for their impact on the Greater Atlanta Community. As a result, we have honored the non-profits these volunteers serve regardless of their size and/or financial backing. Emerging, established, financially struggling and financially thriving non-profits may benefit from the TBS Pathfinders Program.

**11. When will volunteers selected for the TBS Pathfinders Awards be notified?**

Volunteers selected for the TBS Pathfinders Award will be notified by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Due to the volume of nomination packets received, nominees who are not selected may not be contacted by TBS Public Affairs. Nominators are welcomed and encouraged to contact TBS Public Affairs to inquire about the status of their nominee.

**12. Should I tell the volunteer that I am nominating him/her?**

To tell or not to tell is a personal choice based on your relationship with the volunteer and understanding of his/her personality. Do keep in mind that if your volunteer is selected, s/he will be featured on TBS STORYline, our Saturday Morning Public Affairs Program. Nominate someone who is open to telling the public his/her personal reasons for volunteering.

**13. What if my nominee has started a non-profit organization?**

In this case, you are *strongly urged* to discuss the nomination beforehand. Both parties *must understand and agree* that if selected, the nominating organization will receive the financial donation and the Public Service Announcement (PSA).

**14. How many pages will be accepted in the nomination packet?**

The nomination packet should be at least 3 pages (Non-profit overview = 1 page, Contact Information = 1 page, Answers to Questions Concerning Nominee = 1 page or more). Additional pages may be included as needed.

**15. Is there a volunteer age limit?**

No. TBS Public Affairs will consider volunteers of all ages as long as their volunteer work is not already rewarded by credits (e.g. credits for graduation) and/or merit badges.

**16. Who selects the TBS Pathfinders?**

TBS Executives and former TBS Pathfinders make up the panel of judges.

**17. Is TBS Pathfinders a new program?**

No. TBS has always recognized volunteerism in the Greater Atlanta community.