



## NFRW POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER AWARD

### **2026-2027 FORM INSTRUCTIONS**

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**VERY EXCITING NEWS!** *NFRW is excited to announce a significant upgrade to the Political & Campaign Volunteer Awards program for 2026-2027 term. NFRW has developed a new and more simplistic process for Clubs to report their NFRW Political and Campaign Volunteer Hours and Calls. The new report form will be part of the NFRW website and database system at NFRW.org. State and Club Presidents will use their existing NFRW login ID and password to access the new report form on the website. **It is critical that you read the NFRW Political & Campaign Volunteer Award instructions in its entirety due to the new report form on the NFRW website and other relevant changes.***

**<https://www.nfrw.org/campaign-report-form>**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Club members will submit their political and campaign volunteer hours and calls to their Club Campaign Chairman at the end of each volunteer award period for the past six months. The four volunteer award periods with the deadline reporting dates for each period are listed on the last page of the instructions. The Club Campaign Chairman will submit the award period total volunteer hours and calls to the Club President at the close of each six-month award period. The Club President will submit the Clubs' total volunteer hours and calls on the NFRW website. **Club and State Political and Campaign Volunteer Award Winners for each reporting period will be published in the Capital Connections and recognized at the NFRW Board of Directors' Meetings. The two-year cumulative award winners will be recognized at the NFRW Biennial Convention that is held every two years.**

**All volunteer hours and calls must be reported to NFRW at the end of each six-month award period by the award reporting deadline.** *Clubs cannot carry over any late volunteer hours or calls reported after each award period deadline. Only the volunteer hours and calls activity during each six-month award period will be permitted.*

**Awards will be presented at the end of each six-month period in two categories:**

- 1. Top political and campaign hours logged**
- 2. Top number of calls logged**

**Below are the Club and State Award Winner categories to be recognized at the end of each award reporting period for the most volunteer calls and hours:**

- 1. Top Member**
- 2. Club based on size 1-15 Total Members, 16-24 Total Members, 25-39 Total Members, 40-64 Total Members, 65-89 Total Members, 90+ Total Members**
- 3. State Based on size: 1-16 Clubs, 17-26 Clubs, 27-34 Clubs, 35-44 Clubs, 45-83 Clubs, 84+Clubs**

**The process for collecting political and campaign hours begins with the individual club member submitting their total hours and calls on a best estimate basis to the Club Campaign Chair. Round up to the closest whole hour.**

**Note:** Please proofread your work before submitting.

- A Primary or Associate member **cannot** volunteer longer than approximately 4,320 total hours in a six-month reporting period (assuming the most extreme case which is not realistically feasible).  
6 months x 30 days x 24 hours a day = 4,320 hours
- An average Primary or Associate member can make between 250-300 calls per hour if set to power dialer on an app, and 75-100 if hand dialing.
- Associate member volunteer calls and hours can only be counted by one club.

**The Club Campaign Chair should ensure that the club members receive a copy of the NFRW Political and Campaign Volunteer Award Categories which list examples of volunteer hours and calls that can be counted. NO PAID HOURS OR CALLS CAN BE COUNTED!**

# **POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER AWARD CATEGORIES**

## **NO PAID HOURS OR CALLS CAN BE COUNTED!**

### **I. POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN: VOLUNTEER CALLS**

*When in doubt, count the call.*

Include all calls for any political activities. You can call via traditional phone or using dialing apps, which will record the number of calls you have made, or you can use your best estimate.

Note: if you are using a dialing app, power dialer calls are included and appropriate for inclusion in your total.

### **EXAMPLES OF VOLUNTEER CALLS**

- Scheduling Meetings, Events, or Speakers
- Calling for General Business of the Federation (local, state or national) or other Republican causes
- Ballot Questions or Initiatives
- Calls to Action for Issues and/or Legislative Activities
- Campaign Calls
- Polling Calls

### **II. POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN: VOLUNTEER HOURS**

*When in doubt, count the hour.*

**Include** (where applicable):

1. Travel time to and from the activity
2. Research and development of the activity (example: social media posts / letters to the editor)
3. Preparation and breakdown of activity

Hours collected are on a **best estimate basis**. Round up to the closest whole hour.

**Primary and Associate** member hours should be counted. Associates who have a Primary member spouse will report all of their volunteer hours and calls to the Primary member's club. Men who are Associate members of multiple clubs can decide which club counts their volunteer hours and calls.

## **EXAMPLES OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

- All time spent at Club, Region, State, and National Federation meetings or conventions (in person or virtual)
- All campaign and political activities benefiting the Federation, the Republican Party, or Republican candidates
- Attendance at all Republican events, including Lincoln Day Dinners, even if tickets were purchased for attendance
- Running for Office (partisan or non-partisan) as a Republican Candidate
- Working on any aspect of a Republican campaign (partisan or non-partisan)
- Working on Republican ballot questions, initiatives, or petitions
- Serving as an elected member of your Local, County, State or National Party Committee
- Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at Club, Region, State, and National Federation meetings or conventions
- Serving on committees
- Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at meetings or conventions of the Local, County, State, and National Republican Party or local meetings or conventions
- Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican office
- Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican candidate or elected official's office
- Working as a non-paid Election Officer, Poll Watcher, Challenger, or Election Integrity worker
- Organizing or teaching a Campaign Management School
- All campaign activities benefiting our Republican Party, candidates, and/or the Federation
- Time spent making Federation, Political and Campaign Calls/Texts.
- All Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Door Knocking Campaigns
- Preparing letters to the editor or elected officials

- **Researching issues and legislation**
- **Radio, TV and social media appearances**
- **Posting to social media**
- **Voter registration**
- **Writing or editing a digital or hardcopy State or Club newsletter**
- **Attendance at rallies**
- **Any other political or campaign activities**

**If you have any questions on whether an activity counts towards this award, please contact NFRW Campaign & Elections Committee Vice-Chair Theresa Speake at [nfrwvolunteerhourscalls@gmail.com](mailto:nfrwvolunteerhourscalls@gmail.com).**

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## **AWARD PERIODS & REPORTING DEADLINES**

**Club Online Form:**

**<https://www.nfrw.org/campaign-report-form>**

**Please mark your calendars with the award period dates to ensure that your Clubs' total volunteer hours and calls are submitted prior to each reporting deadline. Club Campaign Chairs should be proactive in collecting and tabulating the volunteer hours and calls during the six-month period to ensure the information can be submitted to the Club President at the close of each award period. Keep in mind that there are four (4) Award Periods (six months) with reporting deadlines leading up to the NFRW Biennial Convention held every two years.**

**The Club Campaign Chair will be responsible for collecting all volunteer hours and calls from individual Club members for each six-month award period. The Club Campaign Chair will tabulate the Clubs' total volunteer hours and calls at the end of each award period for the following categories:**

**Top Calls Member Name & Total Calls**

**Top Hours Member Name & Total Hours**

**Club Total Calls**

**Club Total Hours**

The Club Campaign Chair must submit this information to the Club President at the end of the six-month award period, so the Club President can report the volunteer hours and calls on the NFRW website before each award period reporting deadline. Upon completion of the NFRW website report form, the Club President will be able to export a copy of the award period report from the NFRW database. The Club President can update the hours and calls report anytime during the award period reporting dates. Club Presidents must ensure that all changes are made before the award period reporting deadline. Club and State Presidents will be able to access the award period report information at any time via the NFRW database. The export for State and Club Presidents is available here: <https://www.nfrw.org/membership-card-export>.

### **POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER AWARD PERIOD DATES AND REPORTING DATES**

**First Award Period Dates : July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025**

**First Period Reporting Dates at NFRW.org: February 9 – 28, 2026.**

**No volunteer hours or calls from the first period can be reported after February 28, 2026.**

**Second Award Period Dates: January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026**

**Second Period Reporting Dates at NFRW.org: July 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026.**

**No volunteer hours or calls from the second period can be reported after July 31, 2026**

**Third Award Period Dates: July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026**

**Third Period Reporting Dates at NFRW.org: January 1, 2027 – January 31, 2027**

**No volunteer hours or calls from the third period can be reported after January 31, 2027.**

**Fourth Award Period Dates: January 1, 2027 – June 30, 2027**

**Fourth Period Reporting Dates at NFRW.org: July 1, 2027 – July 31, 2027**

**No volunteer hours or calls from the fourth period can be reported after July 31, 2027.**

**The final two-year cumulative awards will be given at the NFRW 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention to be held in Texas during September 2027.**