



Florida Department of Elder Affairs  
2004 Golden Choices Awards  
**Sponsorship Form**

The sponsorship fee is \$240 per volunteer or staff member attending. Please make check payable to DOEA Grants & Donations Trust Fund. Please provide the following information.

**Attendee Information**

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Program: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to:

- Florida Department of Elder Affairs  
c/o Division of Volunteer and Community Services  
ATTN: Lucila Gongora  
4040 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-7000

## **Narrative About Volunteer**

Attach a detailed description (single page, double spaced, 12pt font) of the individual's activities that have benefited Florida's elders or youth and prompted you to sponsor their attendance. Include any volunteer awards or recognition received by the volunteer within the last five years. Please describe the distinguishing characteristics of the achievement or the individual, how it has benefited elder Floridians, and why it deserves statewide recognition. Please do not exceed one page.

*The Vision of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs To lead the nation in assisting elders to age in place, with dignity, purpose, security, and in an elder-friendly community.*

*The Mission of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs: To create an environment that provides choices, promotes independence and enables older Floridians to remain in their communities for a lifetime.*

## **Sample Narrative**

Recipient Name: John Doe Smith

Program Name: Foster Grandparents Program

Dates: January 2003 - Present

"For the past four years, John Doe Smith has volunteered 20 hours a week at the Fayette County Senior Center where he delights the lunchtime crowd with the sounds of classical and jazz piano solos. He also has been a foster grandparent for thousands of young people with no father figure to turn to. John, who often was the only caring adult the youths had ever met, single-handedly combated the risk factors of poverty, broken families, poor education, and a high-crime environment with his brand of mentorship, understanding, and sound moral advise. John has been the mainstay of the Foster Grandparent Organization for nearly two decades. He received the "Good Hands Award" in 1997, the "Fayette County Elder Citizen of the Year Awards" in 1999 and he has also received many accolades from the Florida Senate and civic organizations throughout Fayette County. In addition to his current volunteering, John served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Peru from 1963 to 1966."