



What is a Hometown Hero?

The City of Sand Springs has established the “Hometown Hero” program to provide official recognition from the City for those individuals who, through their unselfish efforts, contribute in some significant manner to the quality of life in the community and/or through community advancement of community goals and visions.

This award program is an ongoing process with nominations being accepted through February 27, 2026 and presented at the Seating of the Council meeting in May. The award recipient will be presented with a plaque from the city in recognition of their specific deeds, actions, or contributions to the Sand Springs community based on the following three categories. The categories are:

Community Involvement – In recognition of volunteer service in activities which promote the welfare of the citizens of Sand Springs and the Sand Springs community. As a result, special attention will be paid to the citizens of Sand Springs.

Community Impact – In recognition of those individuals who have assumed a positive leadership role in the community and whose leadership activities have resulted in the advancement of the goals of the community, the enhancement of the community quality of life, and economic vitality and/or livability.

Noteworthy Citizen Action – In recognition of an act or acts of a private citizen which are above and beyond the normal responsibilities of citizens and that result in a positive event or outcome of benefit to the community. Such actions include acts of heroism, significant donations of financial resources to fund community programs, and other humanitarian acts.

How do I nominate a Hometown Hero?

Nominees for the Hometown Hero Award program must be a citizen of Sand Springs or have strong ties to the Sand Springs community. Applications for the Hometown Hero Award must include the following requirements attached:

1. Nominee’s full name and address
2. Nominee’s home and work/mobile number
3. Nominee’s occupation and/or title
4. Name of the nominating person/persons
5. Detailed examples of the nominee’s contributions to the Sand Springs community using the criteria listed above

Applications may be submitted by email to SSParks@sandsspringsok.gov or in person at the City of Sand Springs Parks & Recreation Administration office located at the Case Community Center at 1050 West Wekiwa Road. Nominations will be reviewed by the Sand Springs Parks Advisory Board at their March meeting. The recipient of the award will be officially recognized at the Seating of the Council meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026.

Nominations will be accepted through Friday, February 27, 2026.

What are the grading criteria for a Hometown Hero?

Hometown Hero nominations will be evaluated via a point scale system. The highest pointed candidate will be recognized as the successful nominee and named as this year's Hometown Hero. Below are the weighted points for each category:

Volunteer Service (welfare of citizens): 15 total points

What did the nominee do to offer services directly to citizens?

Volunteer Service (built environment): 15 total points

What did the nominee do to offer services directly to infrastructure needs in the community?

Volunteer Hours: 15 total points

How many unpaid volunteer hours did the nominee contribute to the community?

Community Impact: 15 total points

What impact can be measured by their involvement in our community?

Heroism/Humanitarian Acts: 20 total points

What other (if any) heroic/humanitarian acts did the nominee perform?

Parks Related Service: 10 total points

Where have they volunteered for the Parks & Recreation Department?

Significant Monetary Donations: 10 total points

What projects did the nominee help fund?

