

# State's first lady seeks nominations for volunteer awards

Alaska's First Lady Bella Hammond is seeking nominations from throughout the State for recipients of the 'state's First Lady's Volunteerism Awards.

Mrs. Hammond said 20 Alaskans will be chosen to receive the First Lady Volunteer

Awards, awards designed to honor Alaskans in communities throughout the state for dedicated volunteer efforts.

"This will be the third year that I have had the honor of giving special recognition to these very special people of our state — the volunteers who

give of their time to improve the lives of others. The 20 people who will be selected to receive the award represent the unselfish people who give of themselves and their time for the betterment of their neighbors and their state," Mrs. Hammond said.

Last year, all statewide winners were brought to Anchorage for a special reception and luncheon at which time they personally received their awards from Mrs. Hammond. Similar activities are planned for this year's recognition of Alaska's volunteers.

Any individual or organization can nominate a volunteer who is engaged in voluntary and unpaid activities that benefit the community or state. Nominees must meet one or more of the following criteria: that of lengthy service to the community or state, significant commitment by the volunteer, innovative or creative volunteer efforts, or that of significant impact on the community or the state.

A statement of 400 words or less describing the volunteer's activities must accompany the nomination. Nominations or requests for nomination forms should be sent as soon as possible to the Office of the Governor, 338 Denali St., Anchorage, Alaska 99501. For more information people should contact the Office of the Governor in Anchorage at 278-2502.

The deadline for nominations is April 1 with selections being made shortly thereafter by a panel of non-partisan, statewide judges whose decisions will be final. Those winning the awards will be honored during a late spring luncheon.