

# Volunteer Awards & Recognition

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HBA highly values recognizing its volunteers' contributions and encourages all chapters and regions to do so regularly.

The HBA has two main volunteer recognition and awards portfolios: our Global Leadership Awards (run annually by HBA Central) and our **Volunteer Recognition and Annual Awards, outlined here**, which include six approved HBA awards that can be given by components to volunteers who fit the award/recognition criteria. Some awards can be given annually, others are meant to be more regular recognition throughout the year.

## HBA Volunteer Recognition Awards *At-a-glance*

Role model in leadership - <b>Annual</b> -	<b>LEAD Award</b>	<b>Legacy Award</b>	5+ yrs continued high value service - <b>Annual/optional</b> -
Innovation and/or impact - <b>Annual/optional</b> -	<b>Marie Curie Award</b>	<b>Everest Award</b>	Above and beyond; significant accomplishment - <b>Annual/optional</b> -
Outstanding service - <b>Monthly or Quarterly</b> -	<b>Honored Volunteer</b>	<b>Spark Award</b>	Peer-to-peer recognition, appreciation - <b>Ongoing</b> -

**Please view our Volunteer Recognition Guide 2026.pptx [for a full overview of each award, criteria, suggested rewards and more.](#)**

See also: Award Process at-a-glance

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