



## Outstanding YOUTH Service Award

*The Outstanding Youth Service Award is an award that is dedicated to recognizing the work and contributions of a young person who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to his or her peers by advocating for and taking action on youth issues in the community. The following list of criteria is, by no means, exhaustive but will better enable an appropriate and impartial evaluation of each submission.*

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### **1. INNOVATION & CREATIVITY**

- Driven to create meaningful change for youth in the community through their involvement in programs, committees, ideas and initiatives
- Works as a team player with peers and community members
- Motivated and energetic
- Involved in unique programs that support youth issues specific to their community
- Involved in networking to improve relations between peers and adults
- Has positive future goals to further skills and knowledge in community/youth service

### **2. VOLUNTEERISM**

- Dedicated time commitment to volunteer initiatives and programs
- Variety of volunteer involvement within the school and larger community
- Is consistent and reliable
- Promotes volunteerism to peers

### **3. GENUINE CONCERN FOR ALL PEERS**

- Candidate shows genuine concern for all youth (inclusive)
- Relates well to their peers and works hard to have an understanding of the varying issues that youth have
- Seeks understanding beyond their own interest and peer group

#### **4. POSITIVE ROLE MODEL**

- Peers look up to this candidate
- Peers can rely on this candidate
- Displays leadership and friendliness to peers and community
- Shows respect to peers and in community
- Works to involve and encourage peers in a leadership role

#### **5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Is involved in a variety of programs and organizations
- Involved in program development and expansion
- Demonstrates commitment and consistency in their community involvement
- Energetic, positive, friendly to provide community with positive perception of
- Offers their involvement freely and with enthusiasm

#### **6. USING COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

- Makes good use of partnerships of people and organizations
- Acts as a resource to others
- Encourages peers to have better understanding of community resources
- Works with others to promote effective partnership and the future of collaboration

#### **7. PROMOTES YOUTH INVOLVEMENT**

- Gets peers excited and enthusiastic to get involved
- Promotes education and interest in youth issues in the community
- Supports better understanding of youth driven programs and initiatives in the community

#### **8. DOCUMENTED OUTCOMES**

- Letters of support from peers, community members, politicians, teachers, service groups and service providers, police service, youth workers
- Media documentation of community/school involvement
- Although not required, we encourage creative submissions that reflect the energy of youth!