

Clark County

Youth Achievement Celebration

~ Honoring the Youth of Clark County ~

Clark County Youth Commission is pleased to announce the 17th annual countywide celebration recognizing youth achievements that demonstrate personal growth and community contribution. The commission is a diverse group of 30 youths dedicated to bringing the voices of youth into the community and raising awareness about remarkable achievements made by young people year round. Please take notice of people ages 11 to 19 and nominate them for recognition.

The celebration will be June 14, 2015

Up to 300 incredible young people will be honored.

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

Achievements to Celebrate

Our belief is every young person has the potential for achievement in one or more of these 13 categories:

<u>ARTS</u>	Contributes to the community's culture by creating expressions of art, music, literature, drama, dance or craft.
<u>CAREER DEVELOPMENT</u>	Improves vocational skills or develops business capabilities such as job search skills, employment, internships, entrepreneurship and career-focused education.
<u>CITIZENSHIP</u>	Advocates for community action or demonstrates civic responsibility.
<u>COURAGE</u>	Maintains high standards in difficult situations.
<u>EDUCATION</u>	Shows interest in or excels in an educational endeavor or teaches others about a subject or interest.
<u>EMPATHY</u>	Demonstrates compassionate listening and genuine kindness and support.
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP</u>	Demonstrates dedication toward preservation of or education about local natural resources.
<u>FAMILY LIFE</u>	Makes meaningful contributions to strengthen family life.
<u>INSPIRATION</u>	Inspires others through actions, words and support or by example.
<u>LEADERSHIP</u>	Ability to lead others toward a positive goal.
<u>PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT</u>	Attains goals that lead to significant personal change.
<u>SPORTSMANSHIP</u>	Attains goals in personal fitness or contributes to teamwork, success and enjoyment of sports and athleticism, including athletes, team managers, fans and mascots.
<u>TOLERANCE</u>	Honors diversity and promotes respect, acceptance and understanding of differences.

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Eligibility

- Any Clark County resident aged 11–19 who demonstrated achievement in any of the 13 categories.
- Achievement must have been accomplished after April 1, 2014.
- Youths may be nominated for multiple categories, but will receive only one award.

Find nomination forms at:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/youth-family/index.html>. For more information please contact Clark County Department of Community Services (360) 397-2130, ext. 4122. Forms are available through March 24.

How to nominate

- Nominations may be submitted by anyone: family, friends, teachers, clergy, neighbors. Youths may nominate themselves.
- You may nominate up to **20 youths**. If you know more than 20 outstanding youths, please encourage others to nominate them.
- Select one or two award categories for each youth. Please mark your first and second choices with 1 and 2. The Youth Commission reserves the right to make the final determination about which category best describes the young person's achievements.
- You may reproduce the application form if needed.

To submit a nomination

- Mail it to: **Youth Achievement Celebration, Attn: Clark County Youth House, PO Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000.**
- Fax it to: (360) 397-2164.

Deadline

- Mailed nominations must be postmarked no later than **March 24, 2015.**
- Faxed nominations must be received by 5 p.m. March 24, 2015.

What happens next?

- Only complete forms submitted by the deadline will be considered.
- The youth selected as 2015 Youth Achievement Award winners will be notified by mail.
- Winners receive three tickets to attend the event, one for themselves and two for guests.
- Nominators will be notified. If one of your nominees is selected, you will receive one ticket to attend the event. Due to limited seating, each nominator receives one ticket regardless of the number of youths nominated.

Recognition & Celebration:

On **June 14, 2015**, a countywide awards ceremony will honor youth nominated by the community. Family and friends can celebrate the good work young people contribute every day in their personal development and service to others.

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To complete this form:

- Please print or type information about the nominee and fill out the entire form.
- Check that the nominee's name is spelled correctly and phonetically written.
- **We must have the nominee's personal address, which will be kept confidential. We cannot accept a school address.** If special circumstances in a young person's life make it impossible to provide a home address, contact us by phone to make different arrangements.

First name:			Last name:		
Mailing address:				Apt #:	
City:	Zip code:			Phone:	
Age:			School:		

Write first and last names as they sound to help us pronounce them correctly during the ceremony. See the following website if you need assistance with phonetic spelling. <http://www.pronouncenames.com/>

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Please print or type the nominator's information:

First name:			Last name:		
Mailing address:				Apt #:	
City:	Zip code:			Phone:	

What is your relationship to the nominee? (self, parent, teacher, friend, neighbor, family)

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Nominees may be curious who nominated them and why. Knowing can be hugely powerful for a young person. Please answer the following questions with that in mind!

1. May we share the described achievements with the nominee? Yes No
2. May we share the described achievements with parents/guardians & event speakers?
 Yes No Other, please specify: _____
3. May we share your identity with the nominee? Yes No
4. Has this youth already received an award for this specific action? Yes No Unsure

Please select the category you believe best describes the nominee's achievement. Select a maximum of two categories, indicating first and second choice with 1 and 2.

Categories of Achievement:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Career Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courage | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Empathy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspiration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Sportsmanship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tolerance | | |

This Form is Two-Sided – Please Complete Both Sides

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Please explain why this nominee should be recognized. Describe the specific qualities he or she possesses or achievements he or she has accomplished that the community can celebrate.

Include unique and specific details of who she or he is or what she or he has done. Use examples of how the nominee has contributed to making our community better through who they are, who they help, or what they do. If your nominee is part of a larger group, specify his or her individual contribution. Be sure that every section of the form is complete before submitting.

Feel free to use as much space as you need to complete the nomination.

Whether or not your nominee is selected for an award, please consider telling him or her why you made the nomination or give her or him a copy of what you wrote.

Mail completed applications to:

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Vancouver, WA 98666-5000.

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