

## Clark County

# Youth Achievement Celebration

~ Honoring the Youth of Clark County ~

The **Clark County Youth Commission** is pleased to announce the seventeenth annual countywide celebration recognizing the achievements of youth that demonstrate personal growth and community contribution. The Youth Commission is a diverse group of thirty youth from throughout Clark County dedicated to bringing the voices of youth into the community and raising awareness about the remarkable achievements made by young people year round. Whether you are a youth or an adult, we hope that you will take notice of young people ages 11 to 19 and nominate them for recognition.

**The celebration will be held June 14, 2015**

**This year's celebration will honor up to 300 incredible young people from our community.**

Nominations are now being accepted by mail or fax.

**NOMINATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015**

### **Achievements to Celebrate**

***It is our belief that every young person has the potential for achievement in one or more of the thirteen categories listed below.***

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

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## Who is eligible for nomination?

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

## Who may nominate a youth?

- Nominations may be submitted by anyone: family, friends, teachers, clergy, neighbors, etc. Youth may also nominate themselves.
- You may nominate up to **20 youth**. If you know more than 20 outstanding youth, please encourage others to nominate also.
- You may select one or two award categories for each nominated youth. Please indicate your first and second choice with a 1 and a 2. The Youth Commission reserves the right to make the final determination of which category best describes the young person's achievements.

## What happens next?

- **Only complete forms submitted by the deadline will be considered.**
- The 300 Youth selected as 2015 Youth Achievement Award winners will be notified by mail.
- They will receive three tickets to attend the event for themselves and up to two guests.
- Nominators will also be notified, and if someone you nominated was selected for an award you will receive one ticket to attend the event. (Due to limited seating, one ticket is issued to each nominator regardless of the number of youth nominated.)

## Recognition & Celebration:

On **June 14, 2015** a countywide awards ceremony will honor up to 300 youth that have been nominated by the community for their contributions to Clark County. This will be a time when family and friends can celebrate the good work that young people contribute every day in their own personal development and in service to others.

## Find more forms online at:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/youth-family/commission.html>

## How to nominate someone:

Youth Achievement Award nomination forms are available through **Tuesday, March 24, 2015**. For more information please contact the Clark County Department of Community Services (360) 397-2130, ext. 4122. You may reproduce the application form if needed. After you read and complete the form, please mail or fax to:

**Youth Achievement Celebration  
Attn: Clark County Youth House  
PO Box 5000  
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000**

Nominations must be postmarked by **March 24, 2015**  
(You may also fax the nomination form to 360-397-2164)

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- Please print or type information about the nominee and complete 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 strictly confidential. We are not able to accept a school address.** If there are special circumstances in a young person's life that make it impossible to provide a home address, contact us by phone to make different arrangements.

## Please print or type information about the nominee:

First Name:	Last Name:	
Mailing Address:	Apt #:	
City:	Zip Code:	Phone:
Age:	School:	

Write first and last name phonetically (how it sounds), to help us pronounce the recipients names correctly during the ceremony. See the following website if you need assistance with phonetic spelling.

<http://www.pronouncenames.com/>

## Please print or type information about the nominator:

First Name:	Last Name:	
Mailing Address:	Apt #:	
City:	Zip Code:	Phone:

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

**Nominees may be curious who nominated them and why. This is hugely powerful for a young person to hear. 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. It can be especially meaningful for nominees to know who nominated them and why. With this in mind, 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 a 1 and a 2  
(for example: 1 Family Life, 2 Citizenship)

### 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                 |   |  |

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Please explain why this nominee should be recognized. **Describe the specific qualities they possess or achievements they have accomplished that you want the community to celebrate.** Include unique and specific details of who they are, or what specifically they have done. Use examples of how they have 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 their individual contribution.

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

*Whether or not your nominee is selected for an award this year, please consider telling them your reasons for nominating them or even give them a copy of what you wrote about them.*

*Be sure that every section of the form is complete before submitting.*

**Send completed applications, postmarked by Tuesday, March 24, 2015 to:**

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For more information, please contact the Dept. of Community Services at 397-2130, ext. 4122.

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*Clark County Department of Community Services*

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