

Muskingum County “Celebrate Youth Service Awards” Nomination Criteria

PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS:

In a recent survey of 5,000 seventh through twelfth grade students in our Muskingum County and Zanesville City Schools, 60% of youth did not feel valued by their community. Many of us know many terrific young people who are making significant volunteer contributions or achievements in their schools, neighborhoods, and/or communities. Our Muskingum County “Celebrate Youth Service Awards” is an opportunity to honor the young people who give to their community through unselfish volunteer efforts.

NOMINATIONS:

Any community member, agency, business or organization may nominate as many individual youth or youth groups as they feel deserving. Nominees should meet these requirements:

- Be Muskingum County youth 22 years of age and younger;
- Volunteering or achievements have happened within the last 12 months;
- Through their volunteer efforts, he/she/they have made a contribution to others, the community or the environment;
- He/She/They have demonstrated one or more of the following: courage, compassion, and/or service.

Some examples of volunteer work that directly or indirectly benefits the community may include, but is not limited to:

- ◆ Peer counseling
- ◆ Health promotion
- ◆ Substance abuse prevention
- ◆ Athletes as role models
- ◆ Raising community awareness
- ◆ Mentoring
- ◆ Community involvement or service
- ◆ Environmental projects
- ◆ Creative arts
- ◆ Leaving a Legacy
- ◆ Overcoming disabilities or adversity

THE AWARDS:

All nominees will receive a Certificate of Recognition. Award categories are: 12 years & under; 13-17 years; 18-22 years; Youth Group and Mayor’s Award. Winners in each category will receive trophies and scholarships or savings bonds AND be special guests in the Bicentennial Parade. Awards will be presented during a special Recognition Ceremony at *The Happy Birthday Ohio! Zanesville/Muskingum County Bicentennial Celebration*, Saturday, September 13 in downtown Zanesville.

ABOUT PRO-MUSKINGUM:

PRO-Muskingum is a group of community members and organizations whose vision is that “in 2016, Muskingum County will be a community that is attractive to families and business because it is a place where people work closely together to build a better future”.

PRO-Muskingum’s mission is to bring together organizations and individuals to enhance the quality of life in our communities. Key initiatives of PRO-Muskingum are to strengthen families, develop community leaders, promote a love for life-long learning, develop youth assets, and cultivate communication, collaboration and cooperation.

Please complete the Nomination Form and mail, fax, or e-mail the Nomination Form and attachments:

PRO-Muskingum

P.O. Box 2475, Zanesville, OH 43702-2475

Fax: 740-454-7993 or E-Mail: kathymcleish@pro-muskingum.org

DEADLINE: Nominations must be received by 4 PM August 22, 2003 to be considered.

If you have questions or for more information, contact

PRO-Muskingum @ 740-454-9993 or Mollie Crooks @ Big Brothers Big Sisters 740-453-7300.

Feel free to make copies of the Nomination Form and Fact Sheet to share with interested individuals.

Muskingum County "Celebrate Youth Service" Awards Youth Nomination Form

Youth/Youth Group Nominee Information:

Nominee's Name: _____ Age (as of 6/1/03): _____

Address: _____ Birthdate: _____

_____ School: _____

E-Mail: _____ Telephone: _____

How long has the nominee been involved in this volunteer youth service activity? _____

Person Making the Nomination:

Nominator's Name: _____ Telephone: (W) _____

Address: _____ (H) _____

_____ E-Mail: _____

Relationship to Nominee: (parent, friend, teacher, clergy) _____

THE NOMINATION:

Please answer the following questions that apply to your Nominee. Please provide specific and detailed examples that support the particular area for which the nomination is made. Please type or print. You may attach additional pages as necessary.

1. Please describe the reason you are nominating this youth/youth group.
Why is the nominee particularly deserving of this recognition for his/her/their volunteer work?
2. How have the actions of this young person/youth group benefited and impacted others?
3. Were there any obstacles the young person/youth group had to overcome?
4. If nominee is an individual, did this young person act alone? Was s/he part of a group? Please explain.
5. Comment on the nominee in terms of their **COURAGE, COMPASSION and/or COMMUNITY/SCHOOL SERVICE.**

Nominations for the Muskingum County "Celebrate Youth Service" Awards are based on **COURAGE, COMPASSION, and/or SERVICE**. Definitions of these categories are left to the nominators, however, these general comments may be helpful:

COURAGE entails overcoming an obstacle in order to help others. Courage may be interpreted in a rescue, an act of bravery or heroism, overcoming a personal challenge, etc. It is understood there are many forms of courage, but these acts of courage must benefit others as well as self.

COMPASSION comprises both the understanding of peoples' problems and needs and extending help to address these problems and needs.

SERVICE is applying effort and time to others for a special project for no apparent personal gain.

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