

Clark County

# Youth Achievement Celebration

~ Honoring the Youth of Clark County ~

## Do you know a young person you want to celebrate?

The Clark County Youth Commission is pleased to announce the 18th annual countywide celebration. This event recognizes youth achievements that demonstrate personal growth and community contribution. Anyone can nominate a Clark County youth for a Youth Achievement Award. Up to 300 incredible young people will be honored for their accomplishments in one of 13 categories of achievement.

**So what are you waiting for? Celebrate a young person you know today!**

**The celebration will be June 12, 2016.**

**NOMINATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016**

### Achievements to Celebrate

*Our belief is that every young person has the potential for achievement.*

<b>ARTS</b>	Contributes to the community's culture by creating expressions of art, music, literature, drama, dance or craft.
<b>CAREER DEVELOPMENT</b>	Improves vocational skills or develops business capabilities in areas such as job search, employment, internships, entrepreneurship and career-focused education.
<b>CITIZENSHIP</b>	Advocates for community action or demonstrates civic responsibility.
<b>COURAGE</b>	Maintains high standards in difficult situations.
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Shows interest in or excels in an educational endeavor, or teaches others about a subject or interest.
<b>EMPATHY</b>	Demonstrates compassionate listening and genuine kindness and support.
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP</b>	Demonstrates dedication toward preservation of or education about local natural resources.
<b>FAMILY LIFE</b>	Makes meaningful contributions to strengthen family life.
<b>INSPIRATION</b>	Inspires others through actions, words and support or by example.
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	Ability to lead others toward a positive goal.
<b>PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT</b>	Attains goals that lead to significant personal change.
<b>SPORTSMANSHIP</b>	Attains goals in personal fitness or contributes to teamwork, success and enjoyment of sports and athleticism; could include athletes, team managers, fans and mascots.
<b>TOLERANCE</b>	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, 2015.
- Youth may be nominated for multiple categories, but if selected will receive only one award.

## Find nomination forms at

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/youth-house> .For more information please contact Clark County Department of Community Services (360) 397-2130, ext. 4122. Forms are available through March 1.

## How to nominate

- Nominations may be submitted by anyone: family, friends, teachers, clergy, and neighbors. Youth may nominate themselves.
- You may nominate up to **20 youth**. 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 1, 2016.**
- Faxed nominations must be received by **5 p.m. March 1, 2016.**

## What happens next?

- Only complete forms submitted by the deadline will be considered.
- The youth selected as 2016 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 12, 2016**, 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.

The event is designed and hosted by the Clark County Youth Commission - a group of 30 youth, 11-19 years old, who represent the diverse voices of youth in Clark County. They are dedicated to raising awareness about remarkable achievements made by young people.

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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.

**Who are you nominating? Please print or type the nominee's information:**

First & 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/>  
 Example: Nikolai (nee-ko-LY) Ejiomor (EDGE-ee-oh-for)

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**Who are you? Please print or type the nominator's information:**

First & 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 very 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                 |   |  |

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1. DESCRIBE THE ACHIEVEMENT(S) IN ONE SENTENCE.

2. PROVIDE **ONE OR MORE** EXAMPLES OF THIS PERSON'S ACHIEVEMENT.

3. CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE TWO QUESTIONS BELOW AND ANSWER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

  

What are this person's strengths that you saw in their achievement?

How does this person's achievements and actions match the category you chose?

4. CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE TWO QUESTIONS BELOW AND ANSWER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

  

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of this person?

What is something you wish everyone knew about this person?

5. CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW AND ANSWER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

  
  

Why did this person catch your attention?

What about their achievement sets them apart?

Why is it important for you to recognize this person?

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6. CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW AND ANSWER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

  
  

What is this person like?

How did this person's actions impact others and/or the community?

What would you say is your nominee's most shining quality?

**For this question you may choose to write, draw, or find a different way to express your answer.**

7. WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE US TO KNOW ABOUT THIS PERSON?

*Thank you for taking the time to nominate a young person!*

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

**Mail completed applications to:**

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PO Box 5000  
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000.

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