

Clark County Youth Achievement Celebration

~ Honoring the Youth of Clark County ~

The **Clark County Youth Commission** is pleased to announce the fifteenth 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 youth year round. The young people of Clark County contribute every day to make this community a great place to live.

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 May 12, 2013.

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 March 29, 2013

Achievements to Celebrate

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

<u>ARTS</u>	Contributes to the culture of the community by creating expressions of art, music, literature, dance or craft.
<u>BUSINESS ENTERPRISE</u>	Improves vocational skills or develops business capabilities.
<u>CITIZENSHIP</u>	Advocates for community action or demonstrates civic responsibility.
<u>COURAGE</u>	Maintains high standards in difficult situations.
<u>EDUCATION</u>	Extraordinary efforts taken to learn about a subject or to teach others about a subject or interest.
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP</u>	Demonstrates dedication toward the preservation of, or education about, our local natural resources.
<u>FAMILY LIFE</u>	Meaningful contribution to strengthen family life.
<u>INSPIRATION</u>	Inspires others through actions, words, 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>TOLERANCE</u>	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 eleven achievement categories.
- Achievement must have been accomplished after April 1, 2012.
- 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?

- Youth selected as 2013 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 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 May 12, 2013 a countywide awards ceremony will honor 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.

How to nominate someone

Youth Achievement Award nomination forms are available through March 29, 2013. 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 29, 2013**
(You may also fax the nomination form to 360-397-2164)

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- Please print or type information about the nominee.
- Please 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, please contact us by phone to make different arrangements.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ School: _____

Please write first and last name phonetically (how it sounds): _____

Please print or type information about the nominator:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

What is your relationship to the nominee? (i.e. self-nomination, parent, teacher, friend, neighbor, family) _____

How long have you known the nominee? _____

May we share your identity with the nominee? Yes No

May we share the contents of this form with the nominee and others? Yes No

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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| __Arts | __Business Enterprise | __Citizenship |
| __Courage | __Education | __Environmental Stewardship |
| __Family Life | __Inspiration | __Leadership |
| __Personal Achievement | __Tolerance | |

This Form is Two-Sided – Please Complete Both Sides

