City of Huntington Beach – Children's Needs Task Force

YOUTH NOMINATION FORM

AMERICAN YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS® 2014

Nominees must be in grades 3-12 and reside in the City of Huntington Beach in order to be eligible. Only individual nominations will be accepted. Group nominations are not eligible

Anyone that is not an immediate family member with knowledge of a deserving candidate can serve as a Nominator.

All nominees and honorees will be recognized at the
Youth Character Awards
Saturday, May 17,2014
10:00 a.m. @ Bella Terra
Huntington Beach

Honorees will have their name permanently inscribed in a bronze plaque displayed at Bella Terra HB Youth Character Awards
"Wall of Fame"

Honorees will also be recognized at the June 2, 2014 City Council Meeting and invited to ride on a float in the 4th of July Parade

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, March 28, 2014
4:00 P.M.

Please Return To:
HB City Hall
Attn: Michelle Roesner
Community Services Dept.
Fifth Floor
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Fax: (714) 374-1654

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Nominee's Name

Name of Nominee's Parent or Guardian

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Nominee's Address City/State Zip

(_____)_____ _____
Nominee's Phone *Nominee's Email

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School Attended by Nominee

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Nominator's Name Organization (if any)

Nominator's Address City/State Zip

(_____)_____ _____
Nominator's Phone *Nominator Email

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Please Circle Nominee's Grade Level: 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

In 250 words or less, please write and attach a statement describing the facts that support the Nominee as an Exemplar of Good Character (see reverse side for guidelines). If available, please include a photograph representative of your nominee's display of "Good Character"

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Certification of Nominator: "All the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge."

Nominator's Signature Date

*Email information will only be used for communication regarding YCA Program.

The American Youth Character Awards® are administered by the CHARACTER COUNTS! ® Coalition, a project of the Josephson Institute of Ethics

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GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM

The American Youth Character Awards ® are the only national awards given to young people solely for strength of character. They are not to be given for isolated acts of heroism or generosity, although such acts may rightly call attention to a nominee. Nor are they to be given simply for high grades, selection for leadership posts, excellence in athletics or the arts, or any combination thereof. Rather, the American Youth Character Awards ® are designed to honor young people (regardless of their family background, race, culture, financial status, I.Q. or physical condition) whose lives and achievements demonstrate an enduring commitment to qualities associated with good character. Those selected should be undeniable role models for their generation.

In completing this nomination form and any supporting documents, be aware that the following instructions will be given to the judges who evaluate all nominees.

1. All individual nominees must reside in the City of Huntington Beach and will be evaluated in the following general categories. Only individual nominations will be accepted. Group nominations are not eligible.

The nominee's beliefs, attitudes and actions have consistently exemplified the Six Pillars of Character®. The Six Pillars of Character® are:

- **Trustworthiness** — integrity, honesty, reliability and loyalty
- **Respect** — valuing all people; living by the Golden Rule; honoring the dignity, privacy and freedom of others; courtesy; politeness; tolerance and acceptance of differences
- **Responsibility** — fulfilling duties, accountability, pursuing excellence, and exercising self-control
- **Fairness** — being just and impartial and having both a willingness to listen and an openness to differing viewpoints
- **Caring** — being compassionate, kind, loving, considerate and charitable
- **Citizenship** — doing one's share, helping our community, playing by the rules and respecting authority and the law

2. Nominees will also be evaluated in any or all of these three specific categories, as applicable:

- **Overcoming Obstacles** – Nominee has demonstrated perseverance and inner-strength in overcoming societal, physical, financial or other difficulties, (and/or)

- **Generosity & Self-Sacrifice** – Nominee has demonstrated uncompromising integrity and courage in doing the right thing despite social pressure or personal risk, (and/or)

- **Community Service** – Nominee has demonstrated community service in working for the common good.

It is not necessary that a nominee excel in all the specific evaluation categories. Nominees may not have been presented with the same challenges or opportunities to demonstrate their character. Judges will select honorees based upon their overall character. Thank you again for your efforts.

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