



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 24th annual countywide Youth Achievement Awards. These awards recognize 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 thirteen categories of achievement.

Recognition is a powerful way to help young people feel valued and connected to their community. Positive youth development research demonstrates that having opportunities for positive involvement in the community, and being recognized for that involvement, help young people be healthy, happy, and successful.

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

Awards will be mailed to honorees by late May

NOMINATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 5 PM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Achievements to celebrate

Our belief is that every young person can achieve.

ARTS	Contributes to the community's culture by creating expressions of art, music, literature, drama, dance or craft.
CAREER DEVELOPMENT	Improves vocational skills or develops business capabilities in areas such as job search, employment, internships, entrepreneurship and career-focused education.
CITIZENSHIP	Advocates for community action or demonstrates civic responsibility.
COURAGE	Maintains high standards in difficult situations.
DIVERSIFIER	Contributes to, promotes, and stands up for the value of differences within our community and/or honors diversity, respect, acceptance and understanding.
EDUCATION	Shows interest in or excels in an educational endeavor, or teaches others about a subject or interest.
EMPATHY	Demonstrates compassionate listening and genuine kindness and support.
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP	Demonstrates dedication toward preservation of or education about local natural resources.
FAMILY LIFE	Makes meaningful contributions to strengthen family life.
INSPIRATION	Inspires others through actions, words and support or by example.
LEADERSHIP	Shows ability to lead others toward a positive goal.
PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT	Attains goals that lead to significant personal change.
SPORTSMANSHIP	Contributes to teamwork, success, and enjoyment of sports, athleticism, and other team environments; could include competitors, athletes, team managers, fans and mascots.

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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 January 13, 2023.
- 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-achievement>. For more information, contact Clark County Youth House at 564.397.5133. **Forms are available through 5 pm, Friday, February 23, 2024.**

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 youth, please encourage others to nominate them.
- Nominators must provide an **original nomination** for each individual. If nominating multiple youth for a shared achievement, please focus on the unique qualities each nominee brought to the effort.
- 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 nomination form if needed.

To submit a nomination

- Submit it online at: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/youth-achievement>
- Mail it to: Youth Achievement Celebration, Attn: Clark County Youth House, PO Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000.

Deadline

Mailed nominations must be postmarked no later than **February 23, 2024.**

What happens next?

- Only complete forms submitted by the deadline will be considered.
- Youth selected as 2024 Youth Achievement Award recipients and nominators of selected honorees will be **notified by mail by late May.** Confirmation will not be sent earlier.

Recognition & Celebration

By **late May**, we will mail honorees their certificates and other recognition materials, and release videos of speeches from the Youth Commission to recognize their achievements. **Please note that there is not an in-person event this year.**

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 submit your nomination by Google Form at <https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/youth-achievement> or print/type information about the nominee and fill out the entire form below.
- 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 name:		Last name:			
Home mailing address:			Apt #:		
City:		ZIP code:		Phone:	
Age:		School:			

Write first and last names as they sound to help us pronounce them correctly in the ceremonial video. See the following website if you need assistance with phonetic spelling. <http://www.pronouncenames.com/>
Example: Nikolai (nee-ko-LY) Ejiofor (EDGE-ee-oh-for)

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

First & last name:		Organization:			
Mailing address:			Apt #:		
City:		ZIP code:		Phone:	

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

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. Has this youth already received an award for this specific action?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

2. May we share the described achievements with the nominee?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. May we share the described achievements with parents/guardians & event speakers?

☐ Yes ☐ No Other: ☐ Please Specify:

4. May we share your identity with the nominee?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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"/> Diversifier | <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 | | | |

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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.

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

How do 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.

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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.

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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.

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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?

8. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE?

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A young person

Email

At school

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Mail

Other

Please Specify:

*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 share
a copy of the nominator form.*



For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office
Voice 564.397.2322 / Relay 711 or 800.833.6388
Fax 360.397.6165 / Email ADA@clark.wa.gov

Mail completed nominations to:

Youth Achievement Celebration – Attention: Clark County Youth House
PO Box 5000
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000.

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