



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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CHILDREN'S NEEDS TASK FORCE

March 20, 2018

RE: YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS – Bella Terra Wall of Fame

Dear Youth Organization Leaders:

The Huntington Beach Children's Needs Task Force, together with the City of Huntington Beach, is sponsoring our 18th annual **American Youth Character Awards®** program to honor young people who are the real heroes and proper role models for their generation. Young people benefit from examples of good decision making in a world fraught with pressures, temptations and bad examples. They need to know that they can become admired heroes simply on the strength of their character.

We need your help! Within your organization, there may be dozens of young people who are deserving of recognition. The process is simple. Anyone that is not an immediate family member can nominate a praiseworthy individual by completing the Youth Nomination Form and attaching a brief statement describing the facts that support the nominee as an example of good character. Nominees must be in grades 3-12 and **reside in the City of Huntington Beach**. Only individual nominations are accepted. Group nominations are not eligible. The back of the nomination form provides the criteria that will be used to evaluate the submissions. Please feel free to make as many copies of this information as you would like and distribute this information to any potential nominators!

Completed Youth Nomination Forms can be faxed, mailed, or personally delivered to:

Attn: Holland McNabb
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street P.O. Box 190
Huntington Beach, California 92648
Email: holland.mcnabb@surfcity-hb.org or Fax: (714) 374-1654

The deadline for submission is Friday, April 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

All youth nominees will be invited to attend a recognition ceremony at the Senior Center in Central Park on May 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Selected honorees will have their name permanently inscribed on a bronze plaque displayed at the Bella Terra Mall "Wall of Fame". The honorees will also be recognized at a City Council meeting on June 4, 2018 and invited to ride on a float in the 4th of July parade.

By actively participating in the American Youth Character Awards program, you are joining schools and youth service organizations throughout Huntington Beach in an important endeavor – strengthening our community by supporting and celebrating character in our youth!

Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this important program. If you have any questions please contact Holland McNabb, Recreation Specialist, Community Services Dept. at (714) 374-1583.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Lembke, Ph.D.

Phyllis Lembke, Ph.D, Chair
Children's Needs Task Force

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YOUTH NOMINATION FORM

AMERICAN YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS® 2018

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 19, 2018
10:00 a.m. @ Senior Center in Central Park 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 4, 2018** City Council Meeting and invited to ride on a float in the **4th of July Parade**

DEADLINE: COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018 4:00 P.M.

Please submit applications to:

City of Huntington Beach
Community Services Dept.
2000 Main Street, P.O. Box 190
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Fax: (714) 374-1654
Email:
holland.mcnabb@surfcity-hb.org

1 Nominee’s Name _____
Name of Nominee’s Parent or Guardian _____

2 Nominee’s Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
Nominee’s Phone _____ *Nominee’s Email _____

3 School Attended by Nominee _____

4 Nominator’s Name _____ Organization (if any) _____
Nominator’s Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
Nominator’s Phone _____ *Nominator Email _____

Please Write In The Nominee’s Grade Level: _____

5 ***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”***

6 **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.

AMERICAN YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS®

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.