

34th Annual Santa Clara County “Salute to Youth” Awards Program

“Recognizing Youth for Outstanding Accomplishment”



Sponsored by Youth Focus Inc.

“Dedicated to the Advancement of Youth”

Official “Salute To Youth” Application

Santa Clara County “Salute to Youth” Awards Dinner

Monday May 3, 2010-7:00 PM

Three Flames Restaurant-1547 Meridian Ave. San Jose, CA 95125.

*34th Annual “Salute to Youth” Awards Program
c/o Youth Focus Inc.-1620 Fruitdale Ave. San Jose, California 95128*

Deadline: Monday April 19, 2009 Faxed, Delivered or Postmarked

Phone: 408.298.2644 FAX 408.298.3028 email youthfocus@aol.com

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March 8, 2010

Dear Community Leader/Educator:

This letter will serve to acquaint you with an upcoming event that is both exciting and beneficial to our county youth. It is the annual Santa Clara County **"Salute to Youth" Awards Night** to be held Monday evening **May 3, 2010** at **Three Flames Restaurant-1547 Meridian Ave. San Jose, CA 95125.**

As an organization totally committed to the advancement of youth, **Youth Focus, Inc.,** is proud to sponsor this prestigious event. The purpose of the Annual Santa Clara County **"Salute to Youth" Awards Program** is to recognize our County youth for their commitment to excellence, service to others and their overall achievement and accomplishment as productive and contributing members of our society.

It is the belief of **Youth Focus, Inc.,** that by recognizing young people of merit on an annual basis in this manner that it will serve to foster and stimulate continued excellence amongst our county youth. Further, it will serve to motivate others to a stronger commitment in numerous areas of their lives as they look up to admire their peers as role models.

At the Annual Awards Dinner, in EXCESS OF \$5,000.00 IN EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE OFFERED. **Each nominee** receives a beautiful trophy and certificate of commendation award recognizing their accomplishment along with a **complimentary dinner.**

Each **FINALIST AWARD RECIPIENT (Overall Categorical Achiever)** in the categories listed in the brochure (one in each area of recognition) is presented with a beautiful medallion in recognition of their achievement, In addition to the above the following additional scholarships awards will be presented:

We need your help in finding deserving young people in the categories applicable to your work within our community.

Please complete in detail the enclosed nomination form providing the necessary information concerning your nominee(s) for our **Santa Clara County "Salute to Youth" Awards Dinner. Please return your forms by no later than 5:00 pm, Monday April 19, (postmarked or delivered) to: Awards Committee, Youth Focus, Inc., 1620 Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose, CA. 95128.** Please be as complete and detailed in your submissions as possible. This is the only information that will be used to judge our nominees.

We thank you for your help and assistance in recognizing our county's greatest resource and in preparing the applicable nominee forms. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices at **408. 298.2644. You may fax us at 408. 298.3028 or email us at youthfocus@ aol.com.**

Sincerely,

William R. Smethers,
Executive Director



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ANNUAL NOMINATIONS...

Youth Focus Inc., annually presents for the benefit of the community the annual Santa Clara County “**Salute to Youth**” program honoring and recognizing youth who have made a significant and outstanding contribution or have been recognized for outstanding achievement and accomplishment. Youth Focus Inc., is now accepting nominations for the Annual “**Salute to Youth**” awards program through MONDAY APRIL 19, 2010. Applications may be hand delivered, faxed or postmarked by the referenced date.

AGE REQUIREMENTS.....

Nominees must be between the ages of 12 and 19.

QUALIFICATION FOR NOMINATION.....

The nominee must be a resident of the county of Santa Clara or attend school in Santa Clara County. The nominee may be considered for a single act of accomplishment or may have a long history of achievement, accomplishment and/or community service involvement. The young person being nominated must have achieved and accomplished something of significance that sets that individual apart from the norm. If the nominee has a proven record of accomplishment please use only the last three years of historical information for submission.

METHOD OF NOMINATION.....

Nominee may be nominated by any youth or community organization, service or fraternal organizations, local newspaper, radio, or T.V. stations, members of the media, county or city agencies, community leaders, ministers, teachers, coaches or school counselors. Nomination form must be accompanied by a black and white or color school photo of the nominee.

WHO DOES THE SELECTING?

The “**Salute to Youth**” Board of Governors consists of well-known and respected men and women of the community who have a knowledge and expertise in the various categories for nomination. ***The Board of Governors reserves the right to reassign nominees to another Category of recognition if it is determined by them that another Category is more applicable to the submission. In the event there are two or more comparable entries the Board of Governors may select more than one nominee. The Board of Governors decision will be final in all cases.***

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING?

1. Choose the appropriate area or category and complete the application form. If in doubt, check with the Youth Focus Office.
2. Prepare a ***ONE PAGE NARRATIVE ON THE NOMINEE (SEE SAMPLE ENCLOSED)***. **Nominations without a one-page narrative will not be accepted.** You may submit no more than three (3) pages of support materials with the one page narrative. Any additional pages will be removed from the application prior to the screening of the nominations. Please note: Although the young person may have a long history of community involvement, the information presented should show a proven record of accomplishment(s) in the past three years.
3. **Nomination forms and Narratives must be typewritten or prepared on a word processor and submitted in duplicate. The form must be accompanied with a black and white or color photo of the nominee.**
4. **Deadline for submission is Monday April 19' 2010 (postmarked or delivered).**
5. Send or Fax completed nomination forms to:

YOUTH FOCUS INC.
1620 FRUITDALE AVE.
SAN JOSE, CA 95128



Areas of Recognition.....

•Religion

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in the area of religion and or religious leadership or service to the welfare and benefit of others. Nominee should have demonstrated leadership, charity, dedication and service as a role model inspiring others to a greater commitment to their faith.

•Organizational Involvement

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in the advancement of an organization for the benefit of youth/community life. Nominee should have demonstrated leadership qualities and or a team effort and been a support force to leadership of an organization. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model in dedication and service inspiring others to aspire to greater levels of leadership or organizational involvement.

•Volunteerism/Community Service

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in service to others or a program(s), which has benefited an individual, a group, a family, a community organization, or the community at large. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution, commitment and service as a role model for others.

•Agriculture

Recognition for significant achievement and accomplishment in the field of agriculture. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model, dedication and service in this area inspiring others to greater levels of commitment and involvement.

•Applied Arts

Recognition for significant achievement and accomplishment in the area of the applied arts to include;

•speech and debate •communications •visual arts •literature •journalism •creative writing

Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model, leader, innovator with noted dedication, accomplishment and or service(i.e., Paper or Year Book Editor) etc. relating to the above areas.

•Heroism

Recognition for a significant act(s) of heroism for the benefit of others, taking great risk of health and life to assist others in a heroic deed(s).

•Performing Arts

Recognition for significant achievement/accomplishment in the performing arts to include; the dramatic arts, music, dance, and theater. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model in dedication and service relating to this area.

•Business

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in the area of youth entrepreneurship and or finance. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model inspiring others to greater achievement. Nominee in this category must have had his/her own business or made a significant contribution in leadership to a local business or enterprise.

•Community Service

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in the area of community service that contributes to the welfare of our society and the betterment of our community life. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model reflecting dedication to the community and or service to others.

•Academic Achievement

Accomplishment/achievement of a significant nature in the area of academic achievement reflecting dedication and commitment to scholastic excellence. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model in inspiring others to strive for scholastic achievement.

•Youth In Government

Accomplishment of a significant nature in serving or participating in government i.e., political issues, or serving elected officials in political campaigns or community issues as part of our legislative process. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model as youth in government inspiring others to take an active role in our democratic process.

•Youth In Leadership

Accomplishment/achievement of a significant nature in the area of leadership including but not limited to: A.S.B. offices, class or club offices, chairperson positions, club affiliations, committee participation and any or all other leadership activities which add to the betterment of school or community life. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model, dedication and service in leadership inspiring others to active participation.

•Vocational Education

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in the area of vocational training/industrial arts reflecting dedication and commitment to the development of life long skills for life enhancement. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model inspiring others to strive for greater accomplishment and achievement.

•Sports

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in the area of athletics. Nominee should have demonstrated leadership and contribution as a role model, inspiring others to strive for a greater commitment to excellence.

•Family Life Contribution

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in fulfilling family responsibilities as a youth due to extenuating circumstances which necessitated assuming all or portions of major domestic responsibilities or financial assistance in sustaining a home environment for the benefit of the family. Nominee should have demonstrated leadership and contribution in assisting the family as a role model for others.

•Inspiration

Achievement of a significant nature, by a youth who has overcome physical restrictions, and has accomplished meritoriously in spite of restrictions and limitations. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model in motivating and inspiring others.

•Humanitarian Contribution

Contribution of a significant nature by a youth who has given in a meritorious manner to the betterment of our society to an individual, family, or organization demonstrating a willingness to serve his/her fellow man and foster a spirit of brotherhood and service to mankind. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model in motivating and inspiring others.

•Youth/Peer Role Model

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in the area of gaining the confidence and respect of peers as a youth/peer role model, inspiring others to strive for greater achievement, accomplishment and a standard of excellence.

•Environmental Contribution

Recognition for significant achievement and accomplishment in the field of environmental concerns/issues for the betterment of the community. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model, dedication and service in this area.

•Cultural Understanding

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in the area of cultural understanding providing leadership and inspiring others to provide opportunities for multicultural exchange, fostering a spirit of brotherhood resulting in a greater understanding of one, or a group of ethnic cultures within the community or school environment.

•Community Awareness--Educational Contribution

Contribution of a significant nature by a youth who has given in a meritorious manner, to the betterment of our society or school environment in demonstrating a willingness to spearhead educational awareness on timely social issues confronting today's society. Nominee should have demonstrated contribution as a role model in motivating and inspiring others.

•Science

Accomplishment/achievement of a significant nature in the area of science reflecting dedication and commitment to his or her studies demonstrating significant accomplishment and achievement.

•Any Other Category Not Listed Above

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature in any other category not listed above.

•Organizational Contribution (Group)

Accomplishment and achievement of a significant nature as a COMMUNITY GROUP OR ORGANIZATION in service to others or a program(s) which has benefited an individual, a group, a family, a community program, or the community at large. Organization should have demonstrated contribution, commitment/service as a role model group for others.

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•Overall Categorical Achievement Awards “Salute to Youth”•

The most outstanding Categorical Achievers in 30 Categories will receive Educational Scholarships-\$3,000.00 IN ALL THE OVERALL CATEGORICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS INCLUDE:

- The Lonnie Toensfeldt Scholarship• for Community Service
- The Winifred Thompson Smethers Scholarship• for Volunteerism
- The Edna May Thompson Scholarship• for Religious Contribution
- Kimberly Wirth Scholarship• for Youth/Peer Role Model
- The Benny Smith Scholarship• for the Performing Arts
- The Alice Faye Myeres Scholarship• for the Performing Arts
- The Regina Dark Scholarship• for Academic Achievement
- The Robert Romero Scholarship• Award for Visual Arts
- The Lorraine Palmer Scholarship• for Youth/Peer Role Model
- The Ed Vargas Scholarship• for Agriculture
- The Eddie Chong Scholarship• for Photography
- The Patricia Seymore Scholarship• for Humanitarian Contribution

Sample Narrative

For Salute to Youth

Kelly Johnson--Category Nominated for--Youth In Leadership

Kelly is a gifted and visible student at Community High School. Over the past four years, Kelly has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in a myriad of campus and civic activities. She has emerged as one of the most accomplished of seniors, respected by her peers and teachers. Most noteworthy has been her commitment to purpose; she takes a challenging college-prep curriculum and still devotes the time necessary to guarantee that all of her activities are done in a first-rate manner.

Kelly has been active in student government for the past four years. In addition to being a homeroom representative, she has been selected to two school-wide offices, serving as Freshman Class Secretary and Junior Class President. Both positions required 20 to 30 hours of work per month.

A poised and articulate public speaker, Kelly displays an enthusiasm and sense of focus that makes her a most effective orator. As a most visible leader of school spirit activities, she regularly demonstrates the ability to direct her peers to energetic yet appropriate displays of love of school.

Kelly involves herself in a dizzying array of campus activities; Teacher's Assistant to both the Mathematics and Foreign Language Department; Peer Counselor, working with the Counseling Department to assist younger students with academic and personal problems; coordinator of Freshman Orientation; member of the National Honor Society and the California Scholastic Federation; member of the Monarch Service Club, a group of students selected by administration to represent the school at public functions; member of the Christian Service Committee and the Campus Ministry Team, organizations which help to direct the spiritual activities of the student body; member of Students Against Drunk Driving, the Junior Club, and President of the Ski Club. In addition, she is constantly at work on any number of projects that serve the wider community, such as Community High School's numerous food drives, services to the elderly, recycling drives, and work with the Red Cross.

Closest to her heart must surely be her work with the spirit teams of Community High School. Now in her fourth year as a spirit leaders, Kelly is the leader of this year's Varsity Song Squad. This is indeed a serious commitment, as the squad practices five days a week after school and travels to numerous weekend competitions, as well as supporting the school's teams at athletic contests. A conservative estimate would set the time devoted at somewhere between 10 and 15 hours per week. She has been instrumental in the success of the squad, helping to guide the team to numerous local and national awards.

But Kelly's impact is not limited to the campus. In both her sophomore and junior years, she was selected to represent Community High School at the Mayor's Conference. As a junior, she was selected by the student government team to be a Blue Ribbon Delegate. Some how, she also finds time to be active in her church group, serve as a hospital's assistant at Santa Teresa Hospital, and assists regularly at area blood drives. She also works with the school's Community Service Program, which has touched the lives of numerous of the elderly in the local community. The school requires a 40-hour commitment of service by senior students; Kelly long ago passed that benchmark.

Despite this Herculean record of activity, Kelly still maintains an outstanding 3.86 overall grade point average and ranks 17th in her class of 203.

Kelly's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. Three different departments on campus--Business, Mathematics, and Campus Life/Student Activities--have honored her with their annual Outstanding Achievement Award. As mentioned above, her superior academic performance has enabled her to be selected to the National Honor Society and the California Scholastic Federation. She has been named for the past four years to the Principal's Honor Roll, the highest regular academic award conferred by Community High School. Kelly embodies all the qualities that our school hopes to engender in its students. Her efforts have indeed touched the lives of countless students and members of the wider community.

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SALUTE TO YOU NOMINATION FORM

Please note: You may input this form into your word processor to save time in preparation. (THIS FORM MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN OR PREPARED ON A WORD PROCESSOR) THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY A ONE PAGE NARRATIVE (SEE SAMPLE)! Nominations without a one-page narrative will not be accepted. You may submit no more than three (3) pages of support materials with the one page narrative.. *The Board of Governors reserves the right to reassign nominees to another Category of Recognition if it is determined by them that another Category is more applicable to the submission.*

Nominee's Information

Nominee's full Name: _____
Age: _____ Year In School _____ Male Female
Address of Nominee: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone:(_____) Cell Phone:(_____)
email: _____

Nominator's Information

Sponsoring/Nominating Organization(s) or Person(s) Sponsoring Candidate:
Organization/Person: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone:(_____) Cell Phone:(_____)
email: _____ FAX _____
Contact person for organization: _____

Parent's Information

Parent's Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone:(_____) Cell Phone:(_____)
email: _____ FAX _____

MARK CATEGORY BEING NOMINATED FOR IF FOR SALUTE TO YOU PROGRAM (SEE BROCHURE) YOU MUST DESIGNATE THE AREA OF CONTRIBUTION OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED!!

Academic Achievement Agriculture Applied Arts: speech/debate communications
 visual arts literature journalism photography creative writing other _____
 Business Community Service/Volunteerism Community Awareness Cultural
Understanding Educational Contribution Environmental Contribution Family Life
Contribution Heroism Humanitarian Contribution Inspiration Organizational
Contribution (Group) Organizational Involvement Math Performing Arts Religion
 Science Sports/Athletics Vocational Education Youth In Government Youth In
Leadership Youth/Peer Role Model Any Other Category Not Listed Above: _____

PLEASE LIST

Signature of Person Verifying the information being submitted:

_____ Title _____

Please print name _____

Phone _____ email _____

Jessie Brandenburg Memorial

•••••SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS•••••

\$5,000 Offered

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