



City of Bristol

BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT 06010

Mayor Ken Cockayne

And

Bristol Youth Commission

Are Proud to Announce the Annual

YOUTH SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

The City of Bristol will be celebrating the 25th annual **Youth Service Recognition Day** on **May 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Meeting**. The Mayor and The Bristol Youth Commission will be hosting a ceremony to proudly recognize youth who have given *exceptional volunteer service* to their community. The Bristol Youth Commission is accepting nominations of Bristol youth and youth groups who have made a meaningful contribution to their school, a service agency, and the community.

PURPOSE: To recognize and encourage the many positive contributions that young people are making to help their neighbors and communities.

GOAL: To tap into the energy, enthusiasm, and creativity of young people and establish an ongoing system of outstanding volunteer service to their neighbors and community for the next generation.

Please take the time to read the criteria to make your nomination. It is important that the form is filled out by an **ADULT** who supervised or benefited from the volunteer service. Please be sure to fill out the application completely. This is an award of distinction; the contributions of the youth or group must be demonstrated by a clear and quantifiable description of the actions undertaken by the nominee, who benefited and how.

CATEGORIES: *Individual Youth Nomination* – youth who have demonstrated *outstanding* volunteer efforts to help others through the use of his/her own thoughtfulness, energy, special talents, skills or personal abilities.

Youth Group Nomination – groups whose full membership, collectively and without compensation, have made significant and meaningful contributions that can be quantified by the number of activities and hours served, and qualified by the effect on the people served. One *outstanding* group in each of the three age categories will be selected by the Youth Commission. See CRITERION.

CRITERION:

Hours that have been performed for credit or mandatory service projects will not be counted.

To be considered, the volunteer **service** needs to be performed **in two of the following three areas:**

a) School, b) service agency and c) community.

The number of volunteer hours from March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017 needs to be quantified. The Commission is looking for a minimum of number of hours by school age grouping:

- **Elementary school – minimum 25 hours**
- **Middle school – minimum 50 hours**
- **High school – 75 - 100 hours.**

Please carefully document all hours.

EXAMPLES OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS: Special contributions should be those which help to address some of the major problems facing cities today. The following are examples of services that may be taken into consideration in your selection process.

SCHOOL

- Organizing or leading a SADD group or substance abuse prevention activity
- Fund raising for a charity or school service project
- Serving as a mentor or host to a new student

SERVICE AGENCY

- Creating and donating art work for a charity event
- Leading a scouting can/bottle drive to benefit a charity
- Performing in charity events
- Volunteering at a hospital or with a Red Cross Chapter
- Caring for sheltered animals or protecting wildlife through a nature center

COMMUNITY

- Reaching out to support and advocate for a troubled peer or peer group
- Helping an elderly or physically challenged neighbor
- Participating in a neighborhood crime watch or beautification project
- Researching, writing and publishing a social consciousness raising article
- Participating in environmental protection projects

As the selection process is difficult, especially with group nominations, it is important to note that the selections will be made based on *exceptional volunteer service, above and beyond the call of duty*. Please include a summary highlighting his/her special qualities, talents, skills and abilities, in addition to the contributions the youth has made to his/her community.

Nomination forms for both an individual Youth and Youth Group are enclosed. **Your nominations should be submitted to the Bristol Youth Services' office no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 24, 2017.**

THE RECOGNITION EVENT: The selected youth and his/her family will be invited to attend a recognition ceremony sponsored by the City of Bristol on **May 9, 2017 at the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** At that time, each youth will be presented with a Proclamation by the Mayor recognizing his/her contributions.

The information you provide about the youth will be published in a program booklet. Please verify the correct spelling of name(s); some families may want to hold on to the booklet as a keepsake. Nominators are welcome and encouraged to attend the event on **May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bristol City Hall Council Chambers.**

The youth who have been selected to receive the awards will be announced to the press on the day of the presentation of the awards.

Mail your nomination to:

Bristol Youth Services
51 High Street
Bristol, CT 06010

Attention: Youth Recognition

Or Fax to:

(860) 314-4689

Attention:

YOUTH COMMISSION

Recognition Selection Committee

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017.

The parent/guardian of the children selected to receive the award will be informed on/about April 20, 2017.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Eileen McNulty at Bristol Youth Services, 860-314-4690.

INDIVIDUAL YOUTH NOMINATION

The deadline for nominations is no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 24, 2017.

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& the Bristol Youth Commission

Organization _____
Contact Person _____ Telephone _____
Email _____ Fax _____

The following YOUTH has been chosen by _____
(name of selection committee, group of peers, school personnel, youth group leader etc.)

to be recognized for his/her *outstanding volunteer contributions* to the community utilizing his/her special talent, skill, and energy.

Youth Name _____ Age _____

Resident Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____ Home Telephone _____

Other/Custodial Parent _____

Address _____

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Please take the time to fill in the following with specific, yet concise details

SERVICE AREA: The nominee should have volunteer service in two of three categories, SCHOOL, SERVICE AGENCY, and/or COMMUNITY. Check and complete all that apply.

I. SCHOOL _____ Number of Hours _____ Period of Time _____

A. Describe the special contribution:

B. Identify *who* benefited and *how* as a result of this youth's efforts.

INDIVIDUAL YOUTH NOMINATION

II. SERVICE AGENCY _____ **Number of Hours** _____ **Period of Time** _____

A. Describe the special contribution:

B. Identify *who* benefited and *how* as a result of this youth's efforts.

III. COMMUNITY _____ **Number of Hours** _____ **Period of Time** _____

A. Describe the special contributions:

B. Identify *who* benefited and *how* as a result of this youth's efforts.

Please briefly describe the SPECIAL ABILITIES, TALENTS, SKILLS, and CHARACTERISTICS about the youth:

**** Nominating Agents are welcome and encouraged to attend!***

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YOUTH GROUP NOMINATION

The deadline for nominations is no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 24, 2017.

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Youth Group: _____ Organization Affiliation: _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone No. _____

The following YOUTH GROUP is being nominated to receive recognition for its outstanding and meaningful volunteer contribution by

(name of selection committee, group of peers, school personnel, youth group leader etc.)

Contact person _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

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SERVICE AREA: The nominee should have volunteer service in two of three categories. Check and complete all that apply.

I. School _____ Number of Hours _____ Period of Time _____

A. Describe the special contribution:

B. Identify *who* benefited and *how* as a result of this youth's efforts.

YOUTH GROUP NOMINATION

II. Service Agency _____ Number of Hours _____ Period of Time _____

A. Describe the special contribution:

B. Identify *who* benefited and *how* as a result of this youth's efforts.

III. Community _____ Number of Hours _____ Period of Time _____

A. Describe the special contributions:

B. Identify *who* benefited and *how* as a result of this youth's efforts.

Please briefly describe the SPECIAL ABILITIES, TALENTS, SKILLS, and CHARACTERISTICS about the group:

Please attach a list of all group members, addresses and guardian's name.

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LOG OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE
March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017

Name:	Telephone:
Address:	Date of Birth:
City, State, Zip Code:	School OR Agency:

DATE	# of HOURS	ORGANIZATION or LOCATION	Check One			WHAT DID YOU DO OR HOW DID YOU CONTRIBUTE?	WHO BENEFITED AND HOW?	WITNESS / SIGN OFF PERSON (to verify)
			School	Service Agency	Comm.			