

2020 Middle/High School Nomination Letter

December 18, 2019

Each year Bloomfield Youth Assistance honors students from our community who have proven to be outstanding citizens. We recognize positive behaviors are often overlooked, but we work to reward the young people who serve as models for their peers. These students reassure our community that the future is in good hands.

We ask that you consider the young people with whom you have contact and take this opportunity to nominate one or more students who you feel have made a special contribution and for whom this honor would be meaningful. The specific areas for recognition are:

- Performance of an act of heroism
- Provision of exceptional service within a club, organization or community
- Provision of exceptional service to an individual or organization
- Achievement by an individual based upon overcoming a personal challenge and setting an example in assisting others
- Initiation of a new program or project to help others
- Please see additional eligibility requirements below

While we do not view this award as a competition, a selection process is necessary. Therefore, we urge nominators to keep their submissions confidential. Please use this [link to nominate candidates](#). In addition to the online form, feel free to provide additional information to substantiate your nomination. This will help the selection committee evaluate your nominee fairly; the more you can elaborate on your candidate's qualifications, the better the judges will be able to evaluate your nominee. You may consider strengthening your nomination by having a colleague who is acquainted with your nominee review your recommendation and provide additional information or by submitting additional documents such as a recommendation letter. In addition, a member of the committee can contact you for additional information at your request. A sample of a winning nomination can also be provided upon request. Please email any supporting documentation to nataliefinerty@gmail.com or any other member of the recognition committee.

The recognition ceremony will be held at Bloomfield Hills High School the evening of Monday, April 27, 2020. We encourage you to attend the ceremony along with your nominee.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020.

Sincerely,

Bloomfield Youth Assistance Recognition Committee

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2020 Eligibility Guidelines

- A nominee must be a student residing in or attending a public, private or parochial school within Bloomfield Hills Schools boundaries. Nominations for groups of students will NOT be accepted. Each nominee will be judged on his/her individual merit and effort.
- A nominator may be any adult or organization that wishes to submit the name of a deserving young person; however, nominations proposed by a family member will NOT be accepted.
- Nominees will be judged on the basis of VOLUNTARY efforts only. Services performed with the expectation of receiving school credit, financial gain or personal recognition are not eligible for consideration.
- This award is not given for academic achievement.
- A limited number of recipients will be chosen and the decision of the selection committee is final.
- If you wish to nominate a student under the category of “achievement by an individual based on overcoming a personal challenge and setting an example by assisting others,” you need to be aware that the specific personal challenge will be described during the tribute at the ceremony. Therefore, if the student would be uncomfortable with this public declaration, please reconsider your nomination. We can keep some information confidential; however, the personal challenge is an ESSENTIAL element in this category.
- The information submitted to the selection committee may be used in the narratives at the awards ceremony (except financial need information which will only be used for scholarship selection). If there is some sensitive information that you would like the committee to be aware of but are reluctant to have mentioned at the awards program, you may contact Lisa Kucinski (LKucinski@bloomfield.org) or Paul Kolin (PKolin@bloomfield.org)