



## **Youth Achievement Awards Application for 2014 Award Year**

**Applications must be received by the City no later than April 28, 2014 at 5 p.m. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### **Purpose:**

The Youth Achievement Awards are intended to honor and recognize exemplary youth leaders who have made a significant contribution to the Centennial community through volunteerism and service. Funds for these awards have been contributed by the City of Centennial Youth Commission and SAFEbuilt, Inc.

### **Awards:**

The Youth Achievement Awards are awarded to three high school recipients in the scholarship amount of \$500.00

The attached application must be fully completed and accompanied with a letter of recommendation. Award winners will be recognized at a City of Centennial City Council Meeting to be held on May 19th, 2014. Recipients are expected to attend the presentation unless unforeseeable events prevent attendance. In the event that no qualified applications are received for an award category, no award will be conferred. The Selection Committee reserves the right to not grant awards for any reason.

### **Eligibility:**

The Awards are open to any high school student who meets the following requirements:

1. The applicant's legal residence is located in the City of Centennial at the time of application and at the time the award is presented.
2. The applicant must be a student enrolled in a program for compulsory education recognized by the State of Colorado.
3. The applicant has made a significant contribution to the Centennial community.
4. The applicant's qualifying project or qualifying actions identified in the application were conducted within 24 months prior to the date that the application is received.
5. The City of Centennial has received all required application materials including adult recommendations by **5 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014.**

### **Basis of Selection:**

The awards will be conferred by the Selection Committee based upon the Committee's determination that the applicant best satisfies the following criteria:

1. The applicant has made a significant and valued contribution to the Centennial community through a project or deed.
2. The applicant demonstrates the potential to become a leader in his or her future career, in civic and community affairs, or, preferably, in both.
3. The applicant exhibits strength of character, compassion, integrity, and courage.

**Selection Process:**

1. The Selection Committee will be comprised of:
  - a. The Chair of the Centennial Youth Commission;
  - b. Two other Youth Commissioners selected by the Youth Commission;
  - c. One member of the Centennial City Council; and
  - d. The Youth Commission's Coordinator.
2. The selection process will commence within two weeks after the application deadline of Monday, April 28, 2014.
3. The selected recipients of the awards will be announced May 13th, and will be presented with their award at a City Council Meeting to be held on **Monday May 19, 2014**.
4. Selection will be made entirely upon the content of the application. Applicants must refrain from contacting members of the Committee concerning their application.

**TO APPLY**

To apply, the applicant must:

1. Complete the attached application;
2. Write an essay of no more than 500 words describing in detail the positive impact you have had on your community. Be sure to include how you became involved in the project and how this project has affected you.
3. Provide a letter of recommendation from an adult (non-relative) who can speak to your character and community involvement. This recommendation letter must be included with the awards application prior to the April 28, 2014 deadline.

Applications, recommendations, and supporting materials should be delivered or emailed to:

City of Centennial  
Attn: Angela Engel  
13133 East Arapahoe Road  
Centennial, CO 80112

For additional questions, please contact Angela Engel, Youth Commissions Coordinator, at 303-754-3316 or [aengel@centennialco.gov](mailto:aengel@centennialco.gov).

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 PM MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014



# City of Centennial

## **Section I**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First* *Middle*

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Years that you have lived in the City of Centennial: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Section II**

Please list any employment or extracurricular activities (school sponsored and otherwise) in which you have participated as well as dates of participation. Please include any officer positions held.

**Activity**

**Start & completion month & year**

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Please list the top 5 prizes, honors, or awards you have received, including media coverage.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Section III**

Please write an essay of no more than 500 words describing in detail the positive impact you have had on your community. Be sure to indicate how you became involved in the initiative and how this service opportunity has affected you.

**Section IV**

If applicable, please provide the name of the organization for which you performed the service discussed in the essay. Be sure to provide a current contact person who can speak to your involvement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

**Section V**

Please include a letter of recommendation from a (non-relative) who can speak to your character and community involvement (neighbor, mentor, teacher, volunteer coordinator, etc.). The recommendation letter must accompany the scholarship application and include complete contact information of the person making the recommendation.

**I hereby state that the information contained in this application is true and correct. If requested, I will make myself available for an interview with the Youth Achievement Awards Selection Committee. I hereby give my permission to the City of Centennial and the Centennial Youth Commission to share the information provided in this application and to use photographs of me taken during the award ceremony with the media and on the City's Website for publicity purposes.**

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date