



Youth Achievement Awards 2016 Application

Applications must be received by the City no later than March 4, 2016 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, this year, will be awarded to six 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 Centennial City Council Meeting on Monday April 11, 2016. Recipients are expected to attend the presentation. In the event that applications do not meet the qualifying requirements, 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 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 PM Friday, March 4, 2016**.

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 community through a project or deed.
2. The applicant demonstrates the potential to become a leader in his or her future career as well as civic and community affairs.
3. The applicant exhibits strength of character, compassion, integrity, and courage.

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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.
 - e. The Youth Commission reserves the right to change who sits on the Committee based on panelists' availability.
2. The selection process will commence within two weeks after the application deadline of Friday, March 4, 2016.
3. The selected recipients of the awards will be announced by April 1, 2016, and will be presented with their award at the City Council Meeting on **Monday, April 11, 2016**.
4. Selection will be made upon the content of the application. Applicants must refrain from contacting members of the Committee concerning their application. Some applicants may be asked to come in for an interview.

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.
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 application prior to the March 4th deadline.

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

City of Centennial
Attn: Kelly Brady
13133 East Arapahoe Road
Centennial, CO 80112

For additional questions, please contact Kelly Brady, Youth Commissions Coordinator, at 303-754-3316 or kbrady@centennialco.gov.

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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.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date