

# Youth Impact Awards A Program of Today's Youth in a Challenging Tomorrow

Youth Impact Awards is an opportunity to recognize deserving youth (8-17 years of age) for the amazing ways they choose to live. The awards are not academic; each category has a focus whether it is leadership, friendship, overcoming personal challenge or community service. The award categories are as follows:

## **Leadership Award**

Given to a youth who takes on a leadership role to bring about positive change to their school or community. The nominee will demonstrate responsibility and drive, as well as initiative in starting new projects and programs.

#### **Perseverance Award**

Given to a youth who has prevailed over adversity or an obstacle in their life. The nominee will overcome challenges and demonstrate inner strength and perseverance.

#### **Sportsmanship Award**

Given to a youth who is passionate about sports. They will demonstrate sportsman-like qualities such as mentorship, coaching, planning and enthusiasm.

## **Volunteerism Award**

Given to a youth who is truly selfless and dedicated to helping others by volunteering their time to a cause they are passionate about.

## **Selection Process**

Nominators must fill out the Nomination Questionnaire with a description of the selected achievement and the nominee's relevant characteristics.

All nominations are reviewed by our advisory committee and (4) four award recipients are selected. Winners will receive a grand prize gift. Nominations will remain open through March 15, 2024.

Honorees, their families and community members will enjoy a fun and festive evening with some fantastic youths, followed by a buffet dinner and awards presentation on April 13, 2024 at the Cunningham Center from 5P –9P.

The Youth Impact Awards nomination forms are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Gregory at **706-464-2362** by email <a href="mailto:cgregory@businesssolutionsofgeorgia..com">cgregory@businesssolutionsofgeorgia..com</a> or visit <a href="mailto:www.tyctfoundation.com">www.tyctfoundation.com</a> for more information.

# 2024 Nomination Form

Please ensure that you complete **all four steps** of this application. Incomplete applications may be disqualified.

# Step 1. Complete the following information

**Please print clearly,** and be sure to fill out all information, including signatures

Nominee	
Individual Name:	
Phone (home):	Phone (other):
E-mail:	
Please be sure to provide an accurate email add	dress as this is the primary method of communication.
	School:
Please note, all nominees must not be older the	an 17 years of age as of December 31, 20246
Nominator	
Name:	
Phone (home):	Phone (other):
E mail:	
E-mail:	dress as this is the primary method of communication.
Relationship to Nominee(s):	
Signature of Nominator	 Date
	)? EMAIL POSTER FACEBOOK WEBSITE
WORD OF MOUTH OTHER (please specify	

#### Step 2. Youth of Merit Award

Please indicate which award	you are nominatin	g the candidate f	for by placing	g a check in the s	space provided
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Perseverance Award
Leadership Award
Sportsmanship Award
Volunteerism Award

NOTE: You may only select <u>one</u> category. If the candidate wishes to be nominated in more than one category (two maximum), a separate nomination form written by a different nominator is required.

# **Step 3. Nominator's Declaration**

You can nominate a youth in **one** of the following ways:

# Either:

- Complete the Youth Impact Awards 2024 Questionnaire
- Write a letter about the nominee that **does not exceed 500 words in length** and should be written in a minimum **12 point font**.
- Create a video blog of yourself talking about the nominee (please exclude any images of the nominee), which should be 2 4 minutes in length.

Remember: Statements should explain why you believe the nominee should be considered for the award you are nominating them for. Please include specific examples and references to their character. Be creative! All nominations, regardless of format, will be judged equally by a steering committee.

## By checking the boxes below, the nominator confirms and acknowledges:

That the information attached is accurate to the best of their knowledge; and,
This information will be used in the selection process of the award recipients. Our youth volunteer steering committee members have signed confidentiality agreements. However, if the information included is sensitive in nature, it is the nominator's responsibility to confirm with the nominee prior to submission.

**Step 4.** Please submit this nomination form, along with the Nominator's Declaration to the website:

tyctfoundation.com
Nomination Deadline: March 15th, 2024

You can also email it to <a href="mailto:cgregory@businesssolutionsofgeorgia.com">cgregory@businesssolutionsofgeorgia.com</a>

The Youth Impact Awards Committee will make selections and contact all nominees/nominators by email by March 25, 2016 with further details. The ceremony will take place **April 13, 2024** at the Cunningham Center. Please be aware that all nomination forms and any additional materials provided will not be returned to sender.

#### Nominator's Questionnaire 2024

\*Please ensure that each of your answers is approximately 115 words in length unless otherwise specified. Answers should be typed on a separate sheet of paper (please number your answers). Nominators need only answer the questions for the category in which they are nominating the youth. Please do not answer any of the other questions.

## **Leadership Award:**

- 1. What has motivated this youth to take on a leadership role?
- 2. What qualities does this youth possess, that make them a good leader?
- 3. In what ways has this youth helped to better their community through their leadership role(s)?
- 4. How have their experiences as a leader helped them to grow as a person?
- 5. How has this youth achieved their goals as a leader?
- 6. How might this youth continue to inspire others in the future?

#### **Perseverance Award:**

- 1. What obstacle(s) has this youth faced?
- 2. How did this youth prevail over these obstacle(s)?
- 3. How have their experiences helped them to grow as a person?
- 4. How has this youth's ability to persevere created new opportunities for them?
- 5. In what ways has this youth's experiences inspired others?

# **Sportsmanship Award:**

- 1. In what area of athletics is this youth involved with? Briefly describe their involvement.
- 2. How does this youth demonstrate their passion for athletics?
- 3. How has the nominee used their athletic skills to empower others?
- 4. How has athletics driven this youth to grow as a person?
- 5. How has this youth taken initiative to enhance their community through athletics?

#### Volunteerism Award:

- 1. What motivates this youth to contribute to their community?
- 2. Describe the youth's level of commitment with the cause(s)/organization(s) they volunteer for.
- 3. Is there a specific cause(s) that this youth is most passionate about? If so, please describe
- 4. In what ways has this youth helped to improve their community or positively impacted others?
- 5. How have they grown as a person?
- 6. How are they planning to continue to give back to their community?