

2009 Governor's Summit on Eliminating Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Juvenile Justice & Child Welfare Systems



Governor's Minority **YOUTH** Awards (Youth Overcoming Difficult Times and Hardship)

This award was established to honor Oregon minority youth and young adults who make positive choices and become successful in their lives and who contribute to the success of others. This award will be given to youth (ages 14 - 25) that have overcome difficult times and hardships and have shown consistent progress in dealing with and overcoming adversity. Adversity can come in many forms. The award is not limited to youth involved in the juvenile justice system. The award(s) will be given at the Governor's Summit on Eliminating Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Systems. This year's Summit will be held on November 16, 2009 in Portland, Oregon.

Nominations will be accepted from any individual or group who have worked with or have had contact with this youth in an education, employment, judicial, or social capacity.

Nominations will be judged by a selection committee strictly on the requested 400 word nomination essay submitted.

Youth must have two or more of the following risk factors:

- anti-social behavior
- family dysfunction
- educational challenges
- substance abuse
- negative peer association
- criminal involvement
- mental, medical, physical, or economic issues.

In addition, nominations **should include** how the youth has made positive progress despite the above risk factors, how they have contributed to the success of others, and taken positive steps to overcome risk factors. Young people who are currently in closed custody or on community supervision are not eligible for this award. All information must be included for consideration. Please do not submit additional information (such as photos, videos, letters of support, etc).

Deadline for Nominations:
5:00 p.m. on
October 2, 2009

Please send completed forms to:

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2001 Front St. Suite 110
Salem, OR 97301
Fax (503) 378-5882

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Nomination Form

****All fields REQUIRED – Incomplete forms will not be considered ****

Youth Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Phone: _____

Ethnic/Racial Group: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship to the youth: _____

How long have you known the youth? _____

Does the youth know they have been nominated? Yes No

Would you like this youth to be notified that they have been nominated? Yes No
(If so, please make sure we have the youth's address. All nominees requesting notification
will be notified before November 16, 2009)

On a separate sheet of paper, submit a typewritten essay of 400 words or less, using the
criteria listed on page 1.

Governor's Minority YOUTH Award:
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If you have any questions, or need additional information,
please contact Deanna Garcia at (503) 378-6804 x221

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