

# Mayor's Youth Commission Award Information

\*\*\* REVISED 2011 \*\*\*

## INTRODUCTION

The Mayor's Youth Commission has revised the Award and Scholarship Program which is dedicated to the recognition of outstanding youth of Kenosha. The program seeks to recognize the youth of Kenosha under the age of 21 for their activities or achievements ranging from helping others to helping themselves. While the Commission encourages all citizens to seek out nominees, **we do not accept nominations made by relatives of the student.**

In order to maintain the integrity and importance of the awards, we will be accepting only nominations for **individual awards** and **a nominator may only submit one nomination per quarter.** The Mayor's Youth Commission wants students to know they are an integral part of our society and it is up to all of us to make an effort to recognize them for their contributions to the quality of life in Kenosha, as well as their own quality of life.

## JUDGING

The Commission will review nominations based on the youth's activities or accomplishments in community service, safety, patriotism, environmental concern, sports, volunteerism, church activities, and outstanding academic success. While the Commission understands and appreciates the importance of attendance, a nomination should not be made based solely on attendance as this award is designed for those who go above and beyond what is expected of a good student. The Commission looks favorably upon activities or accomplishments which include giving of themselves to improve or better the life of another.

## AWARDS

Awards are given on a quarterly basis and the deadline dates and award dates are listed below. All award winners will receive a congratulatory letter from the Mayor. **Award recipients in Grades 8-12 will be invited to a Common Council meeting to receive their award from the Mayor and Common Council President. Award recipients of lower grade levels will be mailed a congratulatory letter and Certificate of Achievement from the Mayor.**

A reception for all award winners and their families will be held once per year to honor their awards and to announce the scholarship recipients. Students may be nominated more than once a year; however, they will only be eligible for one award per calendar year.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

High school junior, senior and college level award winners will be eligible for one of many scholarships to be awarded annually. Finalists are notified in November and invited to attend a personal interview during which they will be judged and scholarship amounts will be determined. Announcement of scholarship recipients will take place at the annual reception.

## DEADLINE DATES

Awards are given on a quarterly basis.

Period	Deadline for Nominations	Award Date
1st	February 25, 2011	March 7, 2011
2nd	April 1, 2011	April 18, 2011
3rd	May 27, 2011	June 20, 2011
4th	October 14, 2011	November 21, 2011

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