

Surry County's Outstanding Youth & Youth Advocate Awards



Youth Advocate Nomination Form

2018-2019 School Year

The Surry County Youth Services Citizen Board and Department of Youth & Family Resources will recognize adults who have demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of the youth in Surry County. The "Outstanding Youth Advocate Award" symbolizes the Youth Services Citizen Board's commitment to youth and the board's encouragement of citizen involvement with youth at the local level. A winner will be selected from the nominees and will receive an engraved plaque. All other qualified nominees will also be recognized and receive certificates. Awards and certificates will be presented at a "special recognition ceremony" at the Surry Community Center on Sunday-April 28, 2019 at 3:00 PM. We ask that individuals, who nominate a candidate, will attend as well. So please provide your information where indicated.

Criteria for Youth Advocate Nominations

- Must be 19 years old or older and must be nominated by a non-relative
- Must demonstrate a commitment to public service and to making their community a better place for youth
- Must demonstrate leadership in the community
- Must reside or work in Surry County during the time of their community involvement
- Youth Services Citizen Board members, Department of Youth and Family Resources staff, and their immediate family members, may be nominated but are ineligible to win.
- Individuals CAN NOT nominate themselves.

Procedure

Complete the nomination form and submit to the address below no later than
on or before 5 p.m. - Friday, April 5, 2019.

Surry County Department of Youth and Family Resources
P. O. Box 65
11 Lebanon Road
Surry, VA 23883

A committee will individually review and score all nominations prior to the final selection of the "Outstanding Youth Advocate" recipients. The written information in this nomination form is the only information the committee will consider in determining the winner. **Please make each answer as complete as possible in order to give your candidate a fair opportunity.** A parent/guardian or immediate family member **may not** complete the nomination form.

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All nomination forms must be legible and completed in its entirety to be considered.

Youth Advocate Nominee: (Individual to be recognized)

Name: _____

Age Range: (Circle one) 19-25 26-35 36-55 56 & up

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address (if available): _____

Nominator: (Individual making the recommendation) You must provide your address here.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address (if available): _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

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Questions, contact the DYFR at (757) 294-5278 or Sopenia H. Pierce at shpierce@surrycountyva.gov.

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Name of Adult Nominee: _____

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IMPORTANT: Please write neatly on the lines provided for questions 2-8.
DO NOT ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES.

1. Which categories apply to this Youth Advocate? Please check all that apply.

- Courage**-Is willing to stand up for his/her beliefs and make appropriate choices regardless of what others do
- Service**-Is involved in activities to help improve the quality of life for younger generations
- Leadership**- Sets a positive example and is a role model for younger generations

2. Please comment on the nominee in terms of their categories that were chosen above. How do they display these characteristics?

3. Please list the nominee's involvement in **ALL school clubs and organizations**. List the offices held in those organizations, if applicable. Please do not use abbreviations. (Example: coach for middle school basketball, advisor for Future Business Leaders of America, member of....etc.)

4. Please list the nominees involvement in all **non-school related clubs and organizations** the nominee is involved with and any offices held with those organizations. Please do not use abbreviations. (Example: Lions Club, American Legion, member of ..., etc.)

5. Describe how the community involvement activities on which the nomination is based have a **positive impact**, specifically on the youth in Surry County. Describe in detail the impact of this Youth Advocate's actions.

6. Is the community involvement described in #5 provided as a **member** of an organization or is it an **individual effort** on the part of the nominee? What role did the nominee play in the community involvement?

7. Please list any **obstacles** the nominee had to overcome in order to help his/her community.

8. Please provide an example of a time you witnessed the nominee face a challenge and how he or she handled the situation.

9. Please provide any additional comments about your nominee that shows this individual's commitment to community involvement, self-sacrifice, and the betterment of Surry County. All nominees deserve recognition for their efforts; however, what makes this nominee **stand out above** the others?

**** Please go back and read over your answers. The answers you provide are all the judges use to grade this nomination form. It is imperative to provide details and answer each question since questions with no answers receive no points.**