



Ferndale Youth Assistance

31st

Annual Recognition Celebration Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Each year Ferndale Youth Assistance honors the special youth in our district for going above and beyond the everyday expectations of their daily lives. This year FYA is celebrating their 31st year of honoring these exceptional students! As in the past

we need your help to nominate these students in grades 5 - 12 for going above and beyond.

Attached is a "Criteria List" to help you understand the type of nominations we are looking for. Although it is truly commendable and deserving of recognition to be a good, helpful, and involved student while in school ... we are looking for the "special" students who take it to another level ... whether on their own or in a group that is not part of their curriculum but in addition to what is expected of them in areas of volunteer service or personal achievement such as:

- *students* who overcome adversities/tragedy at home or school
- *students* who volunteer at their neighborhood/church/nursing homes/hospitals helping those in need ...
- *students* who demonstrate a profound attitude or behavior change ...

In the past many of the students who were honored had already been recognized for their academics (i.e., NHS) and group participation in school sponsored activities. We are reaching out to you this year, our 31st year, to nominate students who are truly exceptional outside of school responsibilities and bring to the table a level of selflessness and true consideration for the needs of others including their peers.

Help make the 31st Annual Ferndale Youth Assistance Recognition Celebration the best one yet!

NOMINATE FERNDALE'S BEST TODAY!

2010 FERNDALE YOUTH ASSISTANCE YOUTH RECOGNITION NOMINATION

NOMINATION CRITERIA

Who may nominate a student?

Nominations can be made by:

- School staff
- Church representatives
- Civic group members
- Business persons
- Parents
- Ferndale School District citizens

Who is eligible to receive recognition?

Any student in grades **5-12** who *attends* Ferndale School District.

What is the criteria for an award?

Students may be nominated for an award on the basis of one or more of the following criteria:

PERSONAL ACTS OF HEROISM

VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY

(EXAMPLES: AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING, VOLUNTEERING IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, CHURCHES, TAKING PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS, NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP, ETC.,. VOLUNTEERING SHOULD BE PERFORMED ON A CONTINUING BASIS. *EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BAND, ATHLETICS, CLASS PROJECTS FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT, COURT ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND PAID SERVICES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE*)

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

(EXAMPLE: THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATED A PERSONAL POSITIVE CHANGE IN ATTITUDE OR BEHAVIOR, OVERCAME A PROBLEM, HAS SHOWN STRONG ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT)

What is a "Group Nomination?"

AN EXAMPLE OF A GROUP NOMINATION - a project such as the Focus Hope food basket distribution that is done monthly and requires a group of volunteers on a *continuing* basis.

Why are you nominating this student or group of students?

Be as detailed as you can when describing why you are nominating this student (or group of students). Please take special care when composing your remarks and be *very specific* in describing the services completed. Where pertinent, please provide us with the following information:

- What organization has the student (or group) been involved with?
- When did this take place and for how long?
- How did this activity impact others?
- If you are aware of other worthwhile activities this student or group has been involved in, possibly in another setting, include that information also.

We are going to make every effort to publish verbatim comments, but still reserve editing rights.

What is the deadline date for nominations?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010

If you know of a deserving student (or group of students) you would like to nominate for this recognition who meets the outlined criteria please fill out the attached nomination form and return it to:

FYA Recognition Committee
Jackie Stroker
2920 Burdette
Ferndale, Michigan

Where are additional forms available?

- Call: FYA at 248.586.8700
Jackie Stroker at 248.586.8652
- Email: jstroker@ferndaleschools.org
- FPS Website: www.ferndaleschools.org

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YOUTH RECOGNITION**

2010 NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010

*** If you are nominating a GROUP this personal information will be needed for each student.**

* Nominees Name	
Gender	
Age	
Grade	
School	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email Address	
Parent/Guardian's Name	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
Nominator's Name	
Title	
Organization/Affiliation	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	

***Shhh!...* DO NOT INFORM THE NOMINEE OF HIS/HER NOMINATION!
THE RECIPIENTS AND THEIR NOMINATORS WILL BE
NOTIFIED BY THE YOUTH RECOGNITION COMMITTEE.**

Description of Nominee's/Group Accomplishments:

Please take special care when composing your remarks about why you are nominating this student/group and refer to the attached Criteria Sheet for assistance.

WHY SHOULD THIS STUDENT/GROUP BE RECOGNIZED:

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Submit to:

FYA Recognition Committee
c/o Jackie Stroker
2920 Burdette
Ferndale, MI 48220

(248.586.8652)