

**Birmingham Youth Assistance
Youth in Service Awards Program**

Nomination Criteria and Instructions

1. Students in grades 6 through 12 who live or are educated within the geographic boundaries of the Birmingham Public School district are eligible. This can include students in both public and private schools, as well as those who are home schooled.
2. Students may be nominated for community service initiatives undertaken within the past twelve months. They will have the opportunity in their submission to discuss other community service endeavors.
3. Qualifying community service initiatives benefit our local community or state/national organizations that benefit individuals in our area. We applaud international service projects, including mission trips for a faith community, but are not recognizing them through this program.
4. Qualifying nominators are adults who are unrelated to the nominee and either benefited from the community service themselves or represent an organization whose mission was supported by the student's service. Examples of qualified nominators include a home-bound neighbor assisted by the student, a staff member at a service organization such as Lighthouse of Oakland County, a faith community or scout troop leader, or a school community service organizer.
5. Service for which the student received compensation will not be considered. If they produced a product, it is acceptable to have charged enough to cover the cost of materials.
6. The nomination is not complete until we receive both the student portion and the nominator portion. **It is the student's responsibility to follow up with the nominator to make sure both portions have been submitted by the deadline of Wednesday, March 22, 2023.**
7. All nominated students will receive certificates of commendation from national, state, and local elected officials. In addition, one middle school and one high school student will be selected to receive a monetary award.
8. Birmingham Youth Assistance and Birmingham Public Schools may communicate information about the students' achievements both internally and externally. Photographs and a description of their service might appear in school communications, on the Birmingham Youth Assistance website or be shared with news media. Please advise BYA if you have any privacy concerns.

Please contact us at BYAYouthServingOthers@gmail.com with any questions