

APPLICATION FOR YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

PRESENTED BY
THE AMHERST CLUB
AND
THE AMHERST BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

These awards are designed to reward and encourage volunteerism and community service in youth of the Amherst area. These awards are not based on academic achievement, but rather on volunteer community service. Community service refers to a significant contribution of volunteer time, energy, and/or talent that fosters community well-being.

The High School award is \$700 given to the youth, with a \$50 contribution made to the local non-profit agency of their choice.

The Middle school award is \$200 given to the youth, with a \$50 contribution made to the local non-profit agency of their choice.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The applicant must be middle- or high-school age.
2. The applicant must currently live within the borders of the Amherst Regional School District.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The emphasis for award selection is on impactful and meaningful volunteer service that fosters community well-being. Additional weight will be given to activities that focus on providing benefit directly to the Amherst area community, but other volunteer service will also be considered.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of recommendation should be current and discuss the following aspects of the applicant's community service:

- Contributions to strengthening the community through volunteer service (describe the activities performed, history of the applicant's community service activities, and major accomplishments)
- Special leadership qualities
- Ability to achieve outcomes (problems solved, people reached, measurable change, success of projects, money saved)
- Any extraordinary efforts made by the applicant, and any challenges and obstacles that were overcome in making these contributions.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted by U.S. mail to: The Amherst Boys and Girls Club, 39 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA, 01222. Electronic submissions will not be considered. All applications must be complete, with all parts of the application submitted in one envelope, including letters of recommendation.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 31, 2015.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Recipients of the awards will be selected based on their completed applications and letter(s) of recommendation.
- Selection will be made by a committee organized by the Amherst Club and the Amherst Boys and Girls Club
- Successful candidates will be notified by mail.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Award recipients will be required to submit an accurate Social Security number prior to receiving their award. The award may be used at their discretion. The award is not tied to post-secondary education.

APPLICATION FORM
PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

PERSONAL INFORMATION

FULL NAME _____

MAILING
ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

EDUCATION

Please list school attended, with dates of attendance:

COMMUNITY SERVICE DETAILS

STARTING WITH THE MOST RECENT, PLEASE LIST THE COMMUNITY SERVICE
(VOLUNTEER ONLY) ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____

DATES SERVED (e.g. OCT 2014 - JAN 2015) _____

TIME COMMITMENT (MONTHLY/WEEKLY HOURS) _____

DID YOU RECEIVE SCHOOL CREDIT FOR THIS? YES OR NO _____

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVED:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____
DATES SERVED (e.g. OCT 2014 - JAN 2015) _____
TIME COMMITMENT (MONTHLY/WEEKLY HOURS) _____
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A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVED:

If more space is needed for organizations, please make a copy of this page and add to your application.

YOUR VOICE

The purpose of these awards is to encourage and reward young people who have been involved in community service. Summarizing all of your community service volunteer work, please tell us here about your experiences.

Be sure to tell us:

- 1) how and why you became involved with the organization(s)
- 2) why you feel it is important
- 3) what sort of impact or contribution you have made to the community
- 4) what impact the community service has had on you
- 5) anything else you feel it is important for us to know

(If more space is needed, attach additional pages)

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Provide a maximum of 3 CURRENT letters of support from individuals who can comment on your community service activities. Also provide the name and phone numbers of these individuals.

NAME	ORGANIZATION	PHONE NUMBER

PARTICIPANT CONSENT

I UNDERSTAND that if I am a successful recipient of a Youth Community Service Award, my personal information, without my address and phone number, may be circulated widely and, that if posted on the sponsoring organizations' websites or promotional materials, it will be available to the public. I further understand that the organizations have no control over, and are not responsible for, the use or misuse of materials on their websites.

I certify that the information provided on this application and in all the documents accompanying it is true, accurate, and complete. By submitting this application, I fully understand the criteria and conditions I must meet to be eligible for the award. I understand this information will be used for award selection.

Signature of participant

Print name

Date

Signature of Participant's
parent/legal guardian
(if participant is under 18)

Print name

Date