



30th ANNUAL NANCY DWORKIN AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO YOUTH



The Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth Calls for Nominations for the 30th Annual Nancy Dworkin Awards for Outstanding Service to Youth

The award is named in honor of Dr. Nancy Dworkin, past chairperson for the Commission on Children and Youth who passed away in 1987. Dr. Dworkin was the Director of the Center for Unique Learners, a Rockville based school for children with learning disabilities. Her upbeat instructional philosophy focused on “teaching to strength” and encouraging all students to develop skills that would maximize their potential. Dr. Dworkin’s philosophy is echoed in the Commission’s purpose for establishing this Awards Program—encouraging each person to reach their own potential for providing service to others.



The award recipients will be honored at a special 30th annual ceremony on the evening of Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Gilchrist Hall Auditorium, Johns Hopkins University in Rockville.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

-  **Youth**—a child or young person, 21 years of age or younger, who has performed a service for children and youth in Montgomery County.
-  **Service Provider**—an individual (e.g. teacher, counselor, police officer, fire fighter) who provides services to children and youth in Montgomery County.
-  **Volunteer**—an individual who provides volunteer services to children and youth in Montgomery County.
-  **Organization**—an organization that is in the business of providing services to children and youth in Montgomery County.
-  **Business**—a for-profit business in Montgomery County that provides an outstanding *volunteer* service for children and youth.

For Questions, please contact:

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The Nancy Dworkin Awards for Outstanding Service to Youth is sponsored by the Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth. The Commission is a group of 27 committed volunteers that advises the County Executive, County Council, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Board of Education on the development of coordinated community and government policies, programs and services which support children, youth and families.

Nomination Process:

- 1) Nominations may be made by anyone who knows of the nominee and can speak to their commitment of service.
- 2) All nominees must have performed a service for children and youth in Montgomery County.
- 3) Nominations can either be either mail or emailed. Mailing and email address listed below.

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Deadline:

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR E-MAILED
NO LATER THAN APRIL 6, 2016.**

Guidelines/Criteria for Nominations:

In selecting the award recipients, the nominating committee will consider the quality and depth of service, longevity of service, number of children and youth benefiting from the service, and the impact this service has made on diverse communities.

All nominations must include the following:

1. **A cover page that includes the following information about the nominator and the nominee:**
 - The nominee's name, address, email, organization or business (if applicable) and telephone number.
 - The nominating award category (Youth, Service Provider, Volunteer, Organization or Business).
 - The nominator's name, address, email, telephone number, and employer (name of business or organization) and how the nominator is familiar with the nominee's service.
2. **Rationale for nomination (No more than two typewritten pages).**
 - Describe specific services or contributions of the nominee.
 - Explain what makes the nominee special or sets the nominee apart from others.
 - Describe the setting in which the nominee has worked with children, and the number of years the nominee has provided the service.
 - Detail the nominee's commitment to making a difference in the life of a child/youth.
 - Detail how the nominee's service has made an impact on diverse communities.
3. **Two additional letters of support.**
 - These letters may come from two additional individuals who also know of the nominee's service. If the nomination is in the Service Provider category, one letter should be from an immediate supervisor.
 - It is helpful if the letters of support address the quality of service, length of time for which services were provided, number of children and youth benefiting from the service and impact to diverse communities.