



## **YOUTH OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **I. PURPOSE:**

Sanctuary, Incorporated has long recognized that the youth of Guam have made significant contributions and provided countless hours of volunteer efforts and community services to the betterment of our island. Therefore in order to more formally award such ongoing efforts and to promote the achievements of youth in general, Sanctuary, Incorporated hereby establishes its **Youth of the Year** Recognition Program with the purpose of identifying and recognizing outstanding youth in our island community.

### **II. ELIGIBILITY:**

All youth between 5 and 24, and enrolled and attending school full time, and a resident of Guam for at least 1 year are eligible.

### **III. SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Those interested in the “Youth of the Year Recognition Program” must complete the application/nomination packet. The packet will be available at all public and private schools, select locations and can be picked up at Sanctuary, Incorporated’s main office or downloaded from Sanctuary, Incorporated’s website at <http://www.sanctuaryguam.org>.

Youth selected will be youth who go above and beyond in serving their community either through their leadership abilities and/or their quality or level of community service to the island of Guam. Leadership can be defined as those individuals who consistently facilitate a team vision and help guide others towards success. Community service is work that helps better the community through the value and impact of those served. Final awards will be based on dedication, commitment beyond what may be required by school, and demonstrated impact of those served.

Note: Recognized work by youth is based on their personal merits and contributions and is not intended to be limited to their school involvement.

Youth will be recognized and awarded for service accomplished within the calendar year previous to the nomination period. Currently awarding for work accomplished in and between March 30, 2011 to February 17, 2012.

The application **MUST** be completed and submitted by Friday, March 2, 2012 by 5pm. Any applications submitted thereafter will **NOT** be accepted.

#### **IV. SELECTION PROCESS:**

Nomination forms will be accepted from February 1, 2012 through March 2, 2012 only. The selection committee will review applications and select finalists in each category. Finalists will also be invited to participate in an interview with a panel of community members.

A total of Five (5) youth will be awarded:

- One (1) Elementary: primary level (grades K2 to 2<sup>nd</sup>),
- One (1) Elementary: intermediate level (grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>),
- One (1) Middle school level (grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>),
- One (1) High school level (grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- One (1) Post-High school level (youth enrolled full time at the University of Guam, Guam Community College or any other institution of higher learning)

*\*\*Applicants/Nominees must provide transcripts for proof of attendance\*\**

#### **V. AWARD PRESENTATION**

The Youth of the Year in each category shall receive:

1. Sanctuary, Incorporated's Board of Director's Resolution
2. Resolution from the Guam Legislature
3. Certificate of Award
4. A Plaque
5. Monetary prize of \$250.00
6. Identified as the face of Sanctuary, Incorporated for one (1) calendar year beginning May 2012 in print, radio and TV media outlets.

#### **VI. THE YOUTH OF THE YEAR WINNERS:**

1. Shall not at any time thereafter commercially exploit their title in any way whatsoever.
2. Will not sign or enter into any contract or agreement with individuals, organizations or companies and will not give any written or verbal product endorsements or be associated with any commercial ties as it relates to his or her title as Youth of the Year Awardee, without prior written consent of Youth of the Year Recognition Program Chairperson, Youth Fest Committee and Sanctuary, Incorporated.
3. Shall conduct him or herself properly at all Sanctuary, Incorporated related events.
4. Shall cooperate, obey and comply at all times with the rules and regulations of the Youth of the Year Recognition Program.
5. Will allow Sanctuary, Incorporated to take and use Youth of the Year Awardees' images for purposes of publicity and promotional work.
6. Shall conduct themselves with decorum during their term and shall **NOT** commit any immoral, illegal or any act or behavior which, in the sole opinion of Sanctuary, Incorporated and could bring disrepute, ridicule or contempt to the image and reputation of Sanctuary, Incorporated and the Youth of the Year Recognition Program.

- 7. If for any reason the Youth of the Year Awardee is unable to complete his or her term, he or she may notify the Youth of the Year Recognition Program Chairperson. The Chairperson will notify the Youth Fest Committee and Sanctuary, Incorporated for further discussion and recommendation.

**VII. GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

- 1. Claims of achievement and community involvement are proven to be false.
- 2. Commitment of any immoral, illegal act or behavior. Questionable activity deemed inappropriate solely based on the opinions of the Sanctuary, Incorporated, Youth Fest Committee and Youth of the Year Recognition Program Chairperson may lead to disqualification and stripping of title. Immoral behavior/conduct may include but not limited to:
  - a. Illegal use of alcohol and/or drugs
  - b. Engaging in fights/assaults
  - c. Any criminal activity including status offenses

**VIII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RULES & REGULATIONS:**

I declare that I have read, understood and agreed to abide by the above rules and regulations. I hereby apply to the Youth of the Year Recognition program as an applicant/nominee and in accordance with the terms and conditions set out by YOUTH OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM AND SANCTUARY, INCORPORATED. Finally, I hereby agree to accept the decision of the Judges as final and not subject to any question or appeal.

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YOUTH - PRINTED NAME

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YOUTH – SIGNATURE/ DATE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME  
(IF CANDIDATE IS YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE)

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PARENT/GUARDIAN – SIGNATURE/ DATE



**NOMINATION/APPLICATION FORM**

**APPLICANT’S/NOMINEE’S INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Major (College Students): \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR MINORS:**

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELEMENTARY DIVISION: Applicants must provide the following:**

- One (1) Letter of Recommendation from an adult who has had an influence on the youth’s life.
- Any document of Achievements for the past year (March 2011-February 2012).
- Any document of Community Service activities performed for the past year (March 2011-February 2012).
- Poster (11 in. x 17 in.) of nominee’s original artwork with the theme *“My Everyday Hero”*.

**MIDDLE, HIGH & POST-HIGH SCHOOL DIVISIONS: Applicants must provide the following:**

- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from an adult who has had an influence on the youth’s life.
- List of Achievements for the past year (March 2011-February 2012).
- List of Community Service activities for the past year (March 2011-February 2012).
- Written statement of 500 words or less.

**RECOMMENDATION LETTERS:**

*Provide the names and the contact information of the person(s) you asked for a letter of recommendation:*

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position & Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position & Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION:** *Tell us why the nominee/applicant should be recognized as a **Youth of the Year**.*

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**APPLICANT'S ACHIEVEMENTS:**

*Provide a list of your accomplishments to include but not limited to: academic achievement, sports recognition, etc. Copies of certificates and awards must also be submitted.*

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

*List your involvement in our island community to include but not limited to, volunteer experience, school or youth groups, etc.*

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**WRITTEN STATEMENT:**

*Your statement must be 500 words or less. Statements must be typed, in Times New Roman, size 12 font and double spaced. Attach to the application a written statement on the following prompt:*

**“What is the biggest challenge that the Guam youth face today and how can it be solved?”**

**OTHER COMMENTS:** *Please indicate other information that you feel is pertinent to the consideration of this nomination/application.*

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**NOMINATOR’S INFORMATION (if applicable):**

Name of Individual submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_