

30th Youth Link Community Leadership Awards

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Bellevue City Hall • 450 110th Ave NE

6:30-7p.m. reception and 7-8p.m. awards ceremony • seating is limited.



Tell us about a child or teen in Bellevue whom you feel should be recognized for making a difference!

DEADLINE: Nominations due **Friday, May 8, 2020**. All winners will be notified and announced to the public by May 15, 2020.

The celebration is free and open to the public. RSVP to 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov • youthlink.com

Your Name:* _____ School/Organization: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone Number:* _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____ Email:* _____

*Mandatory fields, please complete.

Nominator's Statement:

This year, Bellevue Youth Link will be celebrating the 30th Annual Community Leadership Awards event on May 27, 2020. Each year, this unique city-wide youth recognition event highlights the contribution of young people from throughout our community. To ensure that we recognize and celebrate the diversity of all of our youth and diverse forms of leadership, we are introducing new award categories with descriptions to help you in your nomination process. Please consider a youth that has championed the cause of others, fought hard to win personal battles, and/or motivated other students to promote, cultivate, and advocate in order to create a more supportive and inclusive community for all.

Youth Link Award Categories (choose one ✓):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy for Cultural & Heritage Pride | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Youth Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy for Social Justice –Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Inclusivity & Allyship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy for Social Justice –Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Creative & Innovative Thinker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy for Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Elementary School Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy for Family Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Middle School Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy for Well Being | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding High School Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy in Sports & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Youth Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Champion | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsung Hero |

Note: See award descriptions on back of the page.

Youth Link Program Awards

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Norm Maleng Social Justice Award* | <input type="checkbox"/> Phil Kushlan Youth Award* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bellevue Youth Council "MVP" Award* | * Bellevue Youth Link Participation Required. |

Nominee: Describe your child or teen nominee's leadership qualities and commitment to making a difference.

Nominee's Name: _____ Phonetic Spelling: _____

School/Organization: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions: (additional pages accepted)

1. Can you cite specific examples of how your nominee fits the category you have selected?

2. How long have you known the nominee and what is your relationship to them?

3. How has the nominee impacted your life or the life of others?



For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-5254 (voice) or email palina@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice) or email ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov. If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

30th Annual Youth Link Community Leadership Award Nomination Categories & Description

Community Awards

1. **Advocacy for Cultural & Heritage Pride**

A person who understands the value of their own culture and heritage; and/or who celebrates and advocates for the culture and heritage of other students.

2. **Advocacy for Social Justice (2 awards – Individual and Group)**

A change agent who understands the value of social change through involvement and social justice work in school and community.

3. **Advocacy for Education**

A person who works to address educational barriers; creates a supportive learning environment through service, perhaps by tutoring other underserved students and/or advocating for the importance of equity in education.

4. **Advocacy for Family Support**

A person who works to support the needs of their family sometimes before their own need; support comes in many forms as complex as helping their family navigate and find resources, to choosing to stay home after school and help watch their younger siblings, to seeking employment in order to assist with family needs.

5. **Advocacy for Well Being**

A person who values the importance of mental health, addiction support, and well-being of themselves and others; whether it's making positive health choices or educating others about mental health issues or advocating for access to resources for their peers.

6. **Advocacy in Sports & Recreation**

A person who works to address barriers in sports and recreation; creates a supportive environment through service, perhaps by coaching other underserved athletes and/or advocating for the importance of equity in sports and recreation.

7. **Environmental Champion**

A person who is a constant advocate for helping protect and take care of our environment; a steward who helps inform, educate, and move others to take action.

8. **Excellence in Youth Arts**

A person who values the importance of self-expression, artistry, and creativity through any form of art; encourages others to explore their own form of expression and celebration whether through canvass, spoken words, or dance.

9. **Outstanding Inclusivity & Allyship**

A person who understands the importance of supporting a marginalized group and ensuring that others are not left behind.

10. **Outstanding Creative & Innovative Thinker**

A person who finds ways to creatively think and live outside the box by always trying to find a creative solution to a problem; a futurist who sees opportunity rather than barriers.

11. **Outstanding Elementary School Student**

A person who exemplifies ideal qualities of an elementary school student aside from academics or other accomplishments from school rigor; a student who is selfless, supportive, and a natural life learner.

12. **Outstanding Middle School Student**

A person who exemplifies ideal qualities of a middle school student aside from academics or other accomplishments from school rigor; a student who is selfless, supportive, and natural life learner.

13. **Outstanding High School Student**

A person who exemplifies ideal qualities of a high school student aside from academics or other accomplishments from school rigor; a student who is selfless, supportive, and natural life learner.

14. **Outstanding Youth Volunteer**

A person who shares their time and talent in service and support of others in need without recognition of their work; encourages others to give of themselves.

15. **Unsung Hero**

A person who has quietly supported other people without being asked for help or receiving personal recognition, who has performed a small deed to help others with their great heart;

Youth Link Program Awards

1. **Norm Maleng Social Justice Award**

A person in the Youth Link Program who exemplifies the value of restorative and social justice work both in the program and in community.

2. **Bellevue Youth Council "MVP" Award**

Nominated and voted by Bellevue Youth Council members, the "Most Valuable Player" award is given to a BYC member(s) who exemplifies the value of the program through their active leadership and example.

3. **Phil Kushlan Youth Award**

Youth award given by the City of Bellevue to a graduating Youth Link program senior who exemplifies the value of the program.