**“What’s Your 50?”**

**Youth Volunteer Recognition Form and**

**Youth of the Year Scholarship Application Form**

**\*\* All applicants are invited to attend a celebration and recognition event on Friday, April 21, 2017, at the Prairie Meadows Plaza in Grandview University’s Student Center (2811 East 14th St.; Des Moines, IA).**

**\*\* Please indicate for which award you are applying. Service Recognition applicants must be under the age of 20. Scholarship applicants must be current high school seniors entering an accredited post-secondary institution in 2017.**

**Recognition only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Required minimum of 50 hours of service in the past year.
* Required information: Applicant information, volunteer activities, and media release statement.

**Scholarship only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Required minimum of 100 hours of service in the past year or 200 hours in the past two years.
* Required information: Applicant information, volunteer activities, media release statement, and letter of recommendation.

**Both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Please ensure that all information is completed for both awards.

**All materials must be submitted to Community Youth Concepts by Friday, March 24, 2017 by 4:30 pm. Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered.**

Materials and questions can be submitted via email to [info@cyconcepts.org](mailto:info@cyconcepts.org) or via mail to:

Community Youth Concepts

1446 Martin Luther King, Jr Pkwy

Des Moines, Iowa 50314

Phone inquiries accepted at 515-243-4292.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION (Required for recognition and scholarship)**

**Student Information**

Name: Grade level:

Mailing Address:

School Currently Attending:

Birthdate:

Email:

Phone Number:

**Parent/Guardian Information (1):**

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone Number:

**Parent/Guardian Information (2):**

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone Number:

**Volunteer Activities Information: (Required for recognition and scholarship)**

On a separate piece of paper, thoroughly respond to each of the following questions.

1. Number of hours you have contributed to service projects. (Minimum of 50 hours over the past year.)
2. Please list all service projects you have worked on in this time. If possible, provide dates and location for the service projects as well as a reference who could verify the service was completed.
3. What were your role(s) in the projects listed above?
4. How did the service activities impact the community or specific persons?
5. How has your service impacted you?

**Media Release Statement: (Required for recognition and scholarship)**

I hereby consent to the participation in interviews, the use of quotes, and the taking of photographs, movies or videotapes of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (student name)

I also grant to the right to edit, use, and reuse said products for non- profit purposes including use in print, on the internet, and all other forms of media. I also hereby release Community Youth Concepts, its partners, volunteers, and employees from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if Student is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Letter of Recommendation: (Required for scholarship only)**

Submit one letter of recommendation from an adult, other than a family member, who is familiar with your volunteer experiences. The letter must contain the following information:

1. Student name and school of attendance
2. Name, relationship to student, and how long you have known the student.
3. How did the student grow and learn from the projects he/she participated in?
4. What makes the student deserving of the scholarship? How might he/she grow and benefit from the award?
5. Are there extenuating circumstances that make this scholarship important to the recipient?
6. Signature and contact information (including name, address, phone, business/institution, and date) from individual submitting the letter of recommendation.

**Youth Volunteer of the Year Scholarship Application**

**Supplemental Information**

The Youth Volunteer of the Year Scholarship Award provides $500 scholarships to up to five youth who are making extraordinary things happen by their commitment and dedication to serving their community, whether that is their school, neighborhood, city, state, nation, or world. One scholarship is available to youth throughout the state of Iowa; four are available to youth within the Des Moines metro area. The recipients of the award will be recognized and celebrated for their contributions at an event at Community Youth Concepts on April 22, 2017. Scholarship funds are generously provided by Sloan and Amy Cownie and the Downtown Kiwanis Club. An applicant may only receive one award.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Scholarship applicant must be under the age of 20 and a senior enrolled in and attending high school with the intention to graduate in spring 2017.
2. Applicant must plan on enrolling in an accredited higher learning institution during the 2017-18 academic year.
3. The applicant must have met the minimum requirement of 100 hours of service in the past school year or 200 hours over the past two years.
4. All of the information requested must be completed, including phone numbers and address, so parents/guardians and students can be formally invited to the acceptance ceremony.
5. A letter of recommendation must be submitted with the form and written by the student’s school, volunteer program, church or community based organization. Letters from family members will not be accepted.
6. The application must be submitted to Community Youth Concepts (1446 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Des Moines, Iowa 50314) no later than 4:30 pm on Friday March 24, 2017. Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered.
7. All financial awards will be mailed directly to the post-secondary school of the winner’s choice. The award will be paid at the beginning of the second semester of attendance. Award recipient must notify CYC of any transfers or changes in attendance.

**Selection Process**

A review panel will evaluate submissions and make selections based on the criteria listed above.

**Recognition**

Award recipients will have a summary of their service published in the Community Youth Concepts newsletter and highlighted by the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service. An official press release will also be disseminated.