



Department of Human Services
Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau
Monroe County, New York

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Call for Nominations
2015 Young Citizen of the Year
2015 Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year

March 6th, 2015

Dear Colleague:

For many years, the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau has worked with the Monroe County Legislature to identify and honor exceptional youth and adult youth advocates for their contributions to our community. It is the intent of the County Executive, the Honorable Maggie Brooks, and the President of the Monroe County Legislature, the Honorable Jeffrey R. Adair, to personally announce and honor award recipients in four separate categories.

The four categories will be:

- Finalist for Young Citizen of the Year for youth age 12 and under
- Finalist for Young Citizen of the Year for youth age 13 to 15
- Finalist for Young Citizen of the Year for youth age 16 to 21
- Finalist for Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year for adults nominated for their efforts on behalf of young people in Monroe County.

It is my pleasure to invite you to assist with this process by nominating youth with whom you interact and feel reflect the qualities outlined on the enclosed nomination forms. I invite you to consider nominating candidates based on any or all of the categories. I also hope you will copy the nomination forms and pass them along to colleagues who may know deserving youth and adults for consideration. Nomination forms are also available on our website, <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/youth-index.php> (under "Quick Links" on left hand side, choose "Youth Advocate Awards)."

As you are completing applications, please be as specific as possible and include the full complement of contributions the youth has made to the community. Specifically include achievements beyond those that are academic and sport related. Finally, in past years, we have received a significant number of nominations for young people that have been incomplete and/or illegible. Unfortunately, in those instances, some deserving young people may not be fully considered for an honor that they deserve because the reviewing committee is unable to fully appreciate the basis for the nomination. Please return applications and nominations to us by Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

Nominators and winners will be contacted by letter and notified of the results of the selection process along with a formal invitation to the ceremony.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the young people in our community. I hope you will choose to nominate some of the youth and adult youth advocates you work with and we look forward to reviewing the nominations submitted. Any questions regarding this effort can be directed to our Youth Bureau at (585) 753-6463.

Best regards,

David Michael Barry, Jr.
Executive Director
Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau