

Youth As Resources Awards 2010

Who do **YOU** know who commits their time and energy to make **OUR** community better? This is your time to help shine the spotlight on Stratford's local Super Stars-enthusiastic youth, dedicated adults, and local businesses in our community!

Help the Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board recognize people and industry that make a difference to Stratford!

A nomination form is attached for your convenience.

For more information, please contact: Denique Weidema at dweidema@townofstratford.com or (203) 385-4095.



Youth As Resources Award

Purpose

Since 1995, the Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board has recognized local youth groups, individual youth volunteers, adult groups, individual adult volunteers, and businesses for their contribution to our community and sharing the Board's belief that Stratford youth are a resource to our schools and community. The Board is comprised of representatives from Stratford youth-serving organizations, school, police, youth and other concerned citizens.

Mission of the Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board

The Board's mission is to mobilize youth and community partners to create a safe, healthy and drug-free environment where youth and families thrive.

Directions for Award Nomination

Complete the attached Nomination Form and submit a typewritten one-page description of why you believe the nominee has contributed to our community, shares the Board's belief that Stratford youth are a resource to our schools and community and meets the criteria outlined on the next page. Please fill out only 1 nomination per form. Nominations must be submitted by **Friday, March 26, 2010** to:

Youth Committee of the Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board
c/o Stratford Community Services
468 Birdseye Street
Stratford, CT 06615

Nominations will be accepted from youth, parents and adult advisors. Members of youth groups and adult groups are eligible to nominate their own group. A similar format generated on the nominator's computer is acceptable. Relevant newspaper articles, photos and other materials are greatly appreciated and acceptable.

The Youth Committee of the Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board will review all nominations. All appropriate nominations will receive recognition as a recipient of the 2009-2010 the Youth As Resources Award. The recognition ceremony will be held during the Annual Meeting of the Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board during May 2010. More information will be forthcoming as the event approaches.

For more information call Denique Weidema at Stratford Community Services, 385-4095 or e-mail dweidema@townofstratford.com.

Criteria and Eligibility for Each Category

Youth Group Award

The group must be non-profit and the group members must be under 19 years old.

Active involvement and leadership of youth

- Describe the leadership roles for the youth, how they take responsibility for the activities of their group, the number of Stratford youth in the group and the knowledge and skills the youth learn from participation in this group.

Community need(s) being met by the group

- Describe how the group makes a difference in Stratford, how this need was identified and chosen and the creativity in meeting Stratford's need(s).

Youth Volunteer Award

The nominee must be a Stratford resident under 19 years old and cannot be a current member of the Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board.

Scope of volunteerism

- This youth volunteer must demonstrate extraordinary service commitment to one organization/project or significant service commitment to two or more organizations/projects during 2009. If the service is part of a group project, explain how this individual's service is above and beyond other youth members. Please include information about leadership of this person and number of volunteer hours.

Adult Group Award

The group must be non-profit, a civic club, or informal group and group members must be 19 years old and over.

Local youth need(s) being met by the group

- Describe how the group makes a difference for youth in Stratford, how Stratford's youth needs were identified and chosen and the creativity in meeting Stratford's youth needs.

Adult Volunteer Award

The nominee must be a Stratford resident 19 years and older and cannot be a current member of the Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board.

Scope of volunteerism

- This adult volunteer must provide direct and meaningful unpaid service aimed at addressing the needs of Stratford youth. This individual must demonstrate sincere commitment to youth through ongoing hands-on service or outstanding service for short-term crisis situations.

Business Award

This must be a Stratford-based for-profit business.

Commitment to Stratford youth

- This business must provide direct and meaningful support to the youth of Stratford. This support can be demonstrated through financial contributions, sponsorship of activities, use of their facilities, hiring youth, utilizing youth volunteers, providing staff time, serving on youth-related committees, etc.

2009-10 Youth As Resources Nomination

Please check the category of the nominee and provide contact information. Provide only 1 nomination per nomination form. Attach a one-page typewritten description of why you believe the nominee has contributed to our community, shares the Board's belief that Stratford youth are a resource to our schools and community and meets the criteria.

Youth Group Nominee

Youth Group Name: _____
Youth/ Advisory Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone/Email: _____

Individual Youth Volunteer Nominee

Youth Volunteer Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone/Email: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____

Adult Group Nominee

Adult Group Name: _____
Adult Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone/Email: _____

Individual Adult Volunteer Nominee

Adult Volunteer Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone/Email: _____

Business Nominee

Company/Business Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone/Email: _____

Nominator

Nominator Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone/Email: _____
Nominator Signature: _____