

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Volunteer must be an Elmhurst resident (Elmhurst address) live within School District 205 boundaries or attend an Elmhurst school.
2. Volunteer must be elementary school age through senior in high school.
3. The award is focused on individual or group achievement.
4. The service must be voluntary and unpaid.
5. The service must have occurred between March 1, 2017 and the present

Note: Family and self-nominations will not be accepted.

Examples of types of service:

- Arts & Culture: Efforts involving museums, performing arts, historical sites and programs; ethnic and cultural exploration and education programs; awareness and education for the arts.
- Community Service: Service to improve a neighborhood or community.
- Education/Literacy: Service in schools or community-based learning programs from youth to seniors.
- Environment: Environmental education, public awareness, protection and/or enhancement.
- Health and Special Needs: Service providing physical and/or mental health care; substance-abuse prevention and/or rehabilitation.
- Human Needs: Child care; youth and community recreation; services to the elderly, people with disabilities, families, and/or children; assistance to homeless or impoverished persons/families; veterans/military families; housing and short-term crisis resolution; or social services.
- Public Safety/Disaster Management: Education about safety, assistance in disaster preparedness or helping victims of natural disaster.
- Social Justice/Advocacy/Economic Opportunity: Efforts to bring together diverse groups within the community that focus on creating and strengthening social ties and/or promote equity and justice.

Recognition of all Volunteers:

All volunteers, nominators, and their guests will be invited to the City of Elmhurst Exemplary Youth Service Awards program at **Sandburg Middle School on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00PM**. A dessert reception will follow. All nominated volunteers will be recognized as part of the program.

Selection of Exemplary Youth Volunteers:

The City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth will coordinate the review and selection of Exemplary Youth Service Volunteers by a panel of independent judges from the Elmhurst community. The nominations will be reviewed and scored by independent judges using a rubric that includes the criteria reflected in the application. Selection of exemplary volunteers is done via a blind review process.

Nominations will be accepted from **November 1, 2017 - March 9, 2018**. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.

Submit a nomination at <http://tinyurl.com/ExemplaryYouthServiceAwards>

or

Return completed hard copy forms to Elmhurst City Hall
Attn: Exemplary Youth Service Awards
209 N. York, Elmhurst, IL 60126



CITY OF ELMHURST COMMISSION ON YOUTH
EXEMPLARY YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS
2017-2018

NOMINATION FORM (may be duplicated)

Nominator's Name: _____ (Not a family member or self.)
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Type of Nomination:

Check one: ___ Individual ___ Group

Individual nominations:

Volunteer's Grade Category:

Check One: ___ Elementary ___ Middle School ___ High School

Volunteer's Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Parent/s/Guardian Name: _____ Age of Volunteer: _____

Address, if different than above: _____

Group Nominations:

This category is for groups of volunteers where each volunteer participated equally in the volunteer effort. For large groups, please limit your nomination to a subgroup of equal contributors. Please also consider nominating exemplary individuals for individual recognition. Our intent is to recognize exemplary volunteers who made significant contributions.

Please list ALL names and email addresses for every volunteer nominated.

Volunteer's Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Age: _____

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To complete the nomination, please answer the questions on the following page.



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Narrative: Please describe your nomination in 300-500 words, including your responses to the questions below. Be specific. Nominations will be judged anonymously.

Do **NOT** use the name of the volunteer(s) in the body of your response.

- Describe the volunteer activity or service and why it was exemplary. Please include:
 - When and where the volunteer activity took place.
 - The scope/ range of volunteer activity (the number and variety of tasks that are part of the volunteer effort).
 - The duties of the volunteer(s).
 - How the contribution(s) helped meet community needs/had an impact on others.
- Describe the quality of work/work ethic of the nominee(s), e.g., the work is completed well and on time.
- Describe how the nominee(s) demonstrated leadership, e.g., took initiative, solved problems, was innovative.
- Describe the nominee(s)' commitment to service, e.g., number of people served, length of time served, has spent a large number of hours in one year to complete a complex task, consistent service to project(s) over an extended number of years.
- Other comments about the volunteer(s) and/or their contribution.
- For group nominations only, describe the ways in which the group worked together.