



**SHERIFF'S OFFICE of COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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JOANNE BIESCHKE  
*DIRECTOR*

THOMAS J. DART  
*SHERIFF*

August 30, 2012

Dear Friend,

On behalf of Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, I would like to inform you that applications are available for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor Award. This award is given to young people throughout Cook County who contributed at least 100 hours of volunteer service to their communities. Last year over 300 students received the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor. Together they contributed over 30,000 hours of service in hospitals, churches and other charitable organizations.

This is an outstanding honor and the Sheriff's Office is proud to have this opportunity to recognize these young people with this award. I encourage you to distribute the application so we can continue this tradition of recognition.

This award is available to students who reside in Cook County and have provided at least 100 hours of volunteer service while in grades 9-12 between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012. The application must be postmarked no later than October 13, 2012. The application is available for download on this page below.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process. Please reproduce additional copies as needed. If you have any questions about the qualifications or the application process, please call the Youth Services Department at:  
773-674-4711.

Sincerely,  
Joanne G. Bieschke  
Director

**Cook County Sheriff  
Thomas J. Dart  
Youth Service Medal of Honor**

*“I consider service to benefit not only the community, but my personal character as well. I have learned the distinctive traits of selflessness and respect.”*

*Peter Reed- Palos Hills  
2011 Medal of Honor Recipient*

Volunteers make a difference in individual lives as well as communities. Many of these contributions of time and talent are given by concerned and committed youth. To recognize these efforts, the Sheriff of Cook County will sponsor the *25th Annual Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor*. This award is given to **residents of Cook County**, grades 9-12, who have provided meaningful volunteer service to their communities. A minimum of **100 hours** of voluntary (unpaid) community service is required to qualify.

**Youth Application Procedure:**

1. Complete Parts I - IV. Please type or print.
2. Part IV must be signed and completed by a project supervisor for **each** of your volunteer experiences.
3. The first 300 applicants who meet the requirements and complete and submit the application on time, may earn the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor.

**Eligible Community Service Hours:**

- Must equal a minimum of 100 hours (**not including hours served as a school requirement**)
- Must be earned between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012
- Applicant must be a high school student (grades 9 - 12) while volunteering
- May be direct service, fundraising, planning, or support activities
- May be performed independently under a service supervisor, or with one or more organizations, or religious groups
- Service performed at school during school hours will **not** be accepted
- Must be for the benefit of the community (services to family, friends, or extra-curricular school and sport activities, i.e. Theater, will **not** be accepted)

4. Return completed application to:

**SHERIFF'S YOUTH SERVICE MEDAL OF HONOR**  
Cook County Sheriff Youth Services Department  
3026 S. California Ave Building 2, 1st Floor  
Chicago, IL. 60608  
(773) 674-4711

**Postmarked no later than October 13, 2012**

# SHERIFF'S YOUTH SERVICE MEDAL OF HONOR

## Candidate Information

(Please type or print)

**PART I: Complete In Full**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Cook County Residents Only)** Street City Zip

TELEPHONE: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ SEX: M  F

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE 2011/2012  
Name Town LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL YEAR

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from above)

**PART II**

Organizations/Volunteer Sites:	REQUIRED Supervisor's Statement(s) (Part IV) <small>(attached - please check)</small>	Hours
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<small>(Use a separate sheet if necessary)</small>	<b>Total</b>	_____
		<small>(100 hrs. minimum)</small>

**PART III**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**  
 In 100 words, describe what you feel has been the value of your community service to others and to yourself.  
(Use a separate sheet and attach)

*Reproduce additional copies of Part IV as needed.*

## SHERIFF'S YOUTH SERVICE MEDAL OF HONOR Candidate Information

(Please type or print)

**PART IV:** Complete In Full

**Service supervisor's statement for:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Candidate

NAME OF SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Describe each of the community service activities, (including number of hours worked) for which the candidate was under your supervision. Attach additional paper work if necessary.

Please comment on how the above listed activities benefited the community.

I hereby verify that \_\_\_\_\_ has performed \_\_\_\_\_ hours of voluntary (non-paid) community service with the organization named above between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Part IV must be included from each project supervisor. Those service hours without a corresponding service supervisor's statement will be considered **incomplete**.

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