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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
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# STAND UP FOR THOSE WHO STAND OUT

2012 YMCA Youth Character Awards  
YMCA OF GREATER LOUISVILLE



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## WE'RE FOR EVERYONE

The Y is the nation's leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Established in 1853, the YMCA of Greater Louisville was the nation's 10th Y. For nearly 160 years we have worked side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. This is the cause we are dedicated to and the promise we fulfill every day, to everyone who comes to us, in every way we possibly can.

## GROWING UP STRONG

At the Y we believe the values and skills learned early are vital building blocks for life, and think young people deserve an opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. We give children and teens a safe place to belong, where they can build confidence and learn positive behaviors.

## CHARACTER MATTERS

At the Y our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility are not just a way of thinking – they are an integral part of who we are. They are the essential principles that unite and guide our behavior, our interactions with one another and our decisions. Every day we show genuine concern for others and are sincere in what we say and do. We treat everyone as we would like to be treated and we are always accountable for our actions. As long as we stay true to ourselves and true to others, we cannot help but accomplish great things.

## TEENS LIVING THE Y VALUES

The YMCA Youth Character Awards are an opportunity to recognize teens throughout our community who are incorporating the Y values into their lives, demonstrating exceptional leadership and standing as examples to those around them.

2012 YMCA Youth Character Award recipients will exemplify the Y's commitment to strengthen our community. Honorees will be selected by a committee of YMCA leadership volunteers and will be recognized on October 23 at the YMCA Youth Character Awards Celebration featuring community leaders. Each honoree will receive a \$500 award to assist them in their academic and leadership pursuits.

If you know an extraordinary teen who displays these qualities and exemplifies the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, nominate them for YMCA of Greater Louisville 2012 Youth Character Awards.



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## NOMINATION CRITERIA

Please nominate teens that meet the following criteria:

- Must be between the ages of 13 and 17.
- Must have demonstrated, in an exemplary manner, the YMCA character values of **Caring, Honesty, Respect,** and **Responsibility** in their efforts at home, school, church or their community.
- Must be enrolled in middle or high school during the current semester.
- Nominee's actions, character and leadership must have had a positive impact and serve to strengthen the foundations of their community.
- Must reside in the Greater Louisville area.
- A completed YMCA Youth Character Awards nomination form and typewritten nominee's story must be received at the YMCA Association Office by the end of the day, Friday, September 28, 2012. See form below for story requirements.
- Group or team applications cannot be accepted.
- All awardees must be able to participate in a recognition event the evening of Tuesday, October 23, 2012.

## COMPLETED FORMS

Send completed form and nominee story to:

**YMCA Association Office**  
**Attn: Youth Character Awards Committee**  
**545 South Second St.**  
**Louisville, KY 40202**

You may also complete the application online at  
**[ymcalouisville.org/character-awards.html](http://ymcalouisville.org/character-awards.html)**.

For additional information, please call **502-587-YMCA**  
or email us at **[characterawards@ymcalouisville.org](mailto:characterawards@ymcalouisville.org)**.



## NOMINATION FORM

### NOMINATOR

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Name                    | Email                  |
| Relationship to Nominee |                        |
| Address                 |                        |
| City                    | State Zip              |
| Phone Number            | Alternate Phone Number |

### NOMINEE

|                             |                     |                            |                            |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Name of Nominee             | Gender              | <input type="checkbox"/> M | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| Address                     |                     |                            |                            |
| City                        | State               | Zip                        |                            |
| Phone Number                | Date of Birth       | /                          | /                          |
| Name of Parent or Caregiver | Gender              | <input type="checkbox"/> M | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| Address                     |                     |                            |                            |
| City                        | State               | Zip                        |                            |
| Phone Number                | Email               |                            |                            |
| Nominee's School            | School Phone Number |                            |                            |
| Nominee's Neighborhood      | Current Age         | Current Grade              |                            |

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## TELL US WHY YOU ARE NOMINATING THIS YOUTH

In the space below, briefly describe how this youth demonstrates the Character Values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Explain who has been impacted by the youth's actions and character and how the community has been strengthened through their service. Please be specific with your answers. Include real stories, examples and quotes that demonstrate the nominee's qualification for this award.