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*Monroe County in conjunction with the
Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau & the
Rochester-Monroe County Youth Board presents*

Young Citizen of the Year Awards

Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year Awards

“Imagine living in a community...
Where all young people feel loved and supported by their families and neighbors,
Where youth have many positive, caring places to be,
Where young people know what is expected of them and have strong
values that guide their actions,
Where young people have skills to make healthy choices and have good
relationships”



CHERYL DINOLFO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BACKGROUND

The Young Citizen of the Year and Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year Awards were established by the Monroe County Legislature as one of the highest honors for youth and adult leadership, community service, advocacy and perseverance. The winners are dynamic Monroe County residents with the passion and drive to change the world, as well as identify and realize solutions to problems. They are committed to strengthening their communities and themselves. The awards pay tribute to outstanding citizens who have made a local contribution toward advocacy and action. Award Recipients in each category will be mailed a formal invitation to the award ceremony.

ELIGIBILITY

An individual is eligible for consideration if he/she has exhibited outstanding leadership and performed extraordinary acts on behalf of others or whose achievements have greatly enhanced the quality of life for Monroe County, or has served as a role model for youth advocacy.

HOW TO NOMINATE AN ADULT OR YOUTH FOR RECOGNITION

Fill out the attached application and return it by mail along with your nomination letter and letter of reference.

NOMINATION PROCESS (*Nominations must include all information requested and be submitted by mail*)

- Nomination application must contain nominee's date of birth.
 - Submit a Letter of Nomination. Please submit a narrative of the nominee's service that qualifies them for this award in 200 words or less.
 - Submit a Letter of Reference. This must be signed by a person who can attest to the nominee's leadership and service.
 - Be sure that the reference letter contains a phone number/e-mail address of the references.
 - The nominator may be contacted with information on behalf of the nominee.
- Nominations may be submitted in alternate formats for persons with disabilities who cannot complete in written format providing that all nomination information is included. Please contact the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau at 585-753-6460 for assistance.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The 2017 Young Citizen of the Year and 2017 Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year award nominees must personally exhibit or have demonstrated activities related to the following:

2017 Willie W. Lightfoot Award

- Must be a resident of Monroe County
- Must be at least 22 years of age
- Must demonstrate through service and action, values that reflect the full meaning of a free and democratic society
- Must demonstrate a commitment to public service
- Must be active in volunteer service
- Must set a positive example
- Must demonstrate leadership

2017 Young Citizen of the Year Award

- Must be a resident of Monroe County
- Must not be over the age of 21
- Must demonstrate through service and actions, values that reflect the full meaning of a free and democratic society
- Must demonstrate a commitment to public service
- Must be active in volunteer service
- Must set an example to peers
- Must demonstrate leadership in school

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the MCC Auditorium on June 6, 2017.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS

ALL nominations should be mailed to: **Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau**

Attn: Christina Coury

435 E. Henrietta Road, 3-West Faith

Rochester, NY 14620

APPLICATION & NOMINATION DEADLINE

Nominations are due by Friday, March 31, 2017

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christina Coury at 585-753-6953 or christinacoury@monroecounty.gov.

2017 Young Citizen of the Year
2017 Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year
Nomination Form

Please print neatly or type.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

School (if applicable): _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Name of Nominator: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Fax Number: _____

(Please check the appropriate category)

◇ **Young Citizen of the Year**

◇ Age 12 and Under

◇ Age 13 through 15

◇ Age 16 through 21

◇ **Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate**

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Nominations must be submitted by mail.

1. Nomination letters must be no more than 200 words and must be typed. Nominees must meet all the selection criteria to be eligible for consideration. To assist in your efforts, we recommend that you be sure to answer the following questions:
 - How has this individual demonstrated a commitment to the community and County?
 - What values does the nominee promote or encourage while working with youth, peers, or others?
 - What additional volunteer activities has the nominee participated in?
2. At least one letter of reference needs to be signed by persons attesting to the nominee's services. Nominators may offer additional contact information for references, who may be contacted with information on behalf of the nominee.
3. Nominees must be Monroe County residents. The leadership and community service activities described must benefit the citizens of Monroe County.
4. Decisions made by the selection committee are final. All submitted entry forms and supporting materials become property of the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau and will not be returned.

**The 2017 Young Citizen of the Year and
Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year Awards
are presented by:**

**County Executive
Cheryl Dinolfo
&
2017 Monroe County Legislature**

Tina Brown, 1st District - Parma, Greece

Mike Rockow, 2nd District - Clarkson, Hamlin, Sweden

Tracy DiFlorio, 3rd District - Chili

Frank X Allkofer, 4th District - Gates, Ogden

Karla F. Boyce, 5th District - Henrietta, Mendon, Pittsford, Rush

Fred Ancello, 6th District - Greece

Brian E. Marianetti, 7th District - Greece, Rochester

Matthew Terp, 8th District - Webster

Debbie Drawe, 9th District - Penfield

Anthony J. Daniele, President, 10th District - Pittsford, East Rochester, Brighton

Sean M. Delehanty, 11th District - Fairport, Perinton

Steve Brew, 12th District - Wheatland, Riga, Chili, Henrietta

John J. Howland, 13th District - Henrietta, Pittsford

Justin Wilcox, 14th District - Brighton, Henrietta

George J. Hebert, 15th District - Webster, Penfield

Dr. Joe Carbone, 16th District - Irondequoit

Joseph D. Morelle, Jr., 17th District - Irondequoit

Tanya Conley, 18th District - Perinton, East Rochester

Kathleen Taylor, 19th District - Greece, Parma

Mike Zale, 20th District - Ogden, Sweden, Greece

Mark Muoio, 21st District - Rochester

Vincent R. Felder, 22nd District - Rochester

James M. Sheppard, 23rd District - Rochester, Brighton

Joshua Bauroth, 24th District - Rochester, Brighton

John Lightfoot, 25th District - Rochester

Tony Micciche, 26th District - Gates, Greece, Rochester

LaShay D. Harris, 27th District - Rochester

Cynthia Kaleh, 28th District - Rochester

Ernest Flagler-Mitchell, 29th District - Rochester