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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 2018 Young Citizen of the Year and 2018 Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year award nominees must personally exhibit or have demonstrated activities related to the following:

### 2018 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

### 2018 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 13, 2018.

## **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, April 20, 2018*

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

2018 Young Citizen of the Year  
2018 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 2018 Young Citizen of the Year and  
Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year Awards  
are presented by:**

**County Executive  
Cheryl Dinolfo  
&  
2018 Monroe County Legislature**

Ed Wilt, 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  
Howard Maffucci, 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, President, 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