



United Way
Greater Victoria

Youth Now Awards Nomination Package

The **Youth Now Awards** are planned and hosted by
the **United Way of Greater Victoria's**
Youth Now Council in partnership with
The Intermunicipal Recreation Youth Programmers' Committee

YOUTH NOW AWARDS NOMINATION GUIDE

The United Way of Greater Victoria (UWGV) and the Intermunicipal Recreation Youth Programmers' Committee, will recognize the valuable contributions made by youth throughout the Greater Victoria region at the Annual Youth Now Awards.

Individual youth and groups of youth (between 11 and 29 years old) who have provided extraordinary service to others, acted as role models for environmental stewardship, or demonstrated exceptional personal accomplishments can be nominated for Youth Awards. Professionals who make a difference in the lives of the youth they work with, as well as businesses and organizations who excel at providing youth friendly services can also be nominated. There are no age restrictions for the latter two recognition categories.

The achievements of all the nominees will be recognized at the Youth Now Awards Ceremony, to be held on Friday, May 29, 2015.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be between the ages of 11 and 29 (individual/group awards only), reside within the Capital Regional District, and reflect the goal of the United Way of Greater Victoria to build strong and caring communities with particular focus on our three impact areas:

All that kids can be: supporting children and youth with the resources and opportunities they need to grow up healthy and achieve well-being.

From poverty to possibility: building people's capacity to move toward self sufficiency and well-being.

Strong communities: developing the capacity of people to care for themselves and their families and building an inclusive community.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- Nominators may submit multiple nominations.
- Youth can be nominated in multiple award categories.
- Up to 2 letters of support may be submitted for each nominee.
- Nominations can be submitted by anyone – friends, students, teachers, family members, community agencies, volunteer coordinators, etc.
- Peer nominations are encouraged especially in the Friendship Award category.
- Youth submitting peer nominations can have help from an adult to complete the form.
- Nominators are encouraged to speak with the youth(s), professionals who work with youth, or business and inform them that they have been nominated.
- Nominators for a group award are responsible for ensuring at least one representative from the group is in attendance at the Youth Now Awards Ceremony.
- Nominees will be contacted by UWGV to receive details about the Youth Now Awards Ceremony and how they can attend this free event with their family and friends.

SELECTION PROCESS

Members of UWGV's Youth Now Council will make the final selection for the award recipient in each category except for the Individual Volunteer (age 20-29) which will be decided by members of the UnitedNOW! Council. The Youth Now Council members reserve the right to move nominees between award categories.

NOMINEE RECOGNITION

All nominees receive:

- Complimentary admission to the Awards Ceremony
- Certificate of recognition (presented at Awards Ceremony)

Youth Now Award recipients also receive:

- Personalized trophy (presented at Awards Ceremony)
- Certificate of recognition (presented at Awards Ceremony)
- Recognition in local media
- Recognition in UWGV and/or Intermunicipal Recreation Youth Programmers' Committee marketing materials

YOUTH RECOGNITION CATEGORIES

Award	Eligibility	Description
YOUTH RECOGNITION CATEGORIES:		
Big Change Award	Nominees must be between the ages of 11 and 29. Nominees must reside within the Capital Regional District (CRD).	To recognize youth who have overcome major obstacles to make their own lives healthier, safer and happier.
Friendship Award	Nominees must be between the ages of 11 and 29. Nominees must reside within the CRD. We strongly recommend that nominations for this award come from peers, friends and family members.	To recognize youth who practice true friendship and have gone out of their way to be a friend to others.
Green Award	Nominees must be between the ages of 11 and 29. Nominees must reside within the CRD.	To recognize youth who have gone above and beyond in the promotion and/or development of earth-friendly practices.
Group Volunteer Award	Group can be any size but its core members should be between the ages of 11 and 29.	To recognize youth who give back to their community as part of an organized or informal group.
Individual Volunteer Award 3 categories: Ages 11 to 14; Ages 15 to 19; Ages 20-29	Nominees must be between the ages of 11 and 29. Nominees must reside within the CRD.	To recognize youth who make extraordinary contributions to their communities and neighbourhoods through their volunteer activities.
YOUTH-FRIENDLY RECOGNITION CATEGORIES:		
Youth Friendly Business/ Organization Award	Business/ organization must be physically located within the CRD.	To recognize businesses and/ or organizations who excel at making their services and location youth friendly.
Youth Worker Award	Nominees must be between the ages of 11 and 29. Nominees must work within the CRD.	To recognize professionals who work with youth and make an incredible difference in their lives.

YOUTH NOW AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominator Information (Please type or print clearly)

Nominator's Name: _____

Organization's Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nomination Category (Please check all boxes that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Change Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Volunteer Award - age 11 to 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendship Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Volunteer Award - age 15 to 19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Volunteer Award - age 20 to 29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group Volunteer Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Worker Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Friendly Business Award | |

Nominee(s) Information

Nominee's Full Name(s): _____

(Please spell name(s) correctly as this is our information source for the invitations, certificates and trophies)

Group's Name (if applicable): _____

Age of Nominee(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions as they relate to the chosen award category:
(use additional pages as required. Up to two letters of support will be accepted for each nominee.)

- Please describe why you think this nominee/group deserves recognition and what makes them exceptional? How long have you known them?
- What are the nominee's achievements and contributions in the areas of community service, environmental practice, or providing exceptional services to youth, etc?
- What obstacles has the nominee had to overcome in their life and/or what changes has the nominee made in the lives of others?

Please specify the nominee/group's volunteer or community involvement (hours and/or variety of activities), if applicable.

Have you told the nominee that you have nominated them for a Youth Now Award and that they will be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 29th? Yes No

Nomination forms and supporting documents (up to two letters of support will be accepted for each nominee) can be emailed, faxed, posted or hand-delivered.

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For additional information, questions or to reserve your tickets for the:

Youth Now Awards Ceremony
please call **250-220-7359** or email **youth@uwgv.ca**