



CELEBRATION OF YOUTH AWARDS

Volunteerism, Advocacy & Community Service



K. Eileen Wilson Award – Sponsored by Kirk Wilson.

The award recognizes an individual who has given back to community by supporting younger youth with special needs or youth who need extra help and encouragement, through efforts such as coaching, teaching, mentoring, or peer tutoring in the school or in the community. As well, the successful candidate may have given personal time and energy to such activities as food banks, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers or Sisters, or in other charitable organizations that help those in need to find strength, confidence and independence. Essay must include the ways they have dedicated their talents to the more vulnerable, or those with special needs, and is someone who has set a clear example to others of the role compassion can play in a healthy society.

Philanthropy Award – Sponsored by Steeves & Rozema Group.

This award recognizes an individual who has identified a specific need or shortcoming in their school or community and has responded to the need by working individually or by collaborating with others to gather necessary resources (financial, human, political etc.) to successfully address this particular shortcoming. Essay must include what particular need was addressed, resources gathered, and what improvements to the life of the school or community resulted from their efforts.

Social Justice Award – Sponsored by Social Services Network of Sarnia-Lambton.

This award recognizes an individual who has made a positive impact in their community through their advocacy and work in the field of Social Justice. Whether it's in relation to issues such as the environment, mental health, first nations, poverty, LGBTQ or other causes, the successful candidate will have given significant time and energy to their Social Justice cause, have personally faced adversity and overcome their own struggles with courage and perseverance, or they may be someone who is identified as an ally to their cause. The nominee will demonstrate a passion for helping those in need, a vision of equality for all, and a dedication to building a stronger and better community. Essay must include how the candidate expressed their stance on the area of Social Justice on which they are focusing, the advocacy and charitable work they have been involved with as it relates to this issue, their motivation for doing so and what resulted from their efforts.

International Ambassador Award – Sponsored by Rotary Club of Sarnia.

This award recognizes an individual who has shown an interest in international humanitarian service. The successful candidate should express themselves well on behalf of Canada, should have an interest in travel and governmental affairs at both the international and the civic levels, and should be a good role model for others to follow. They will also be noted for fostering goodwill at home and abroad. Essay must include examples of the aforementioned.

Volunteerism Award – Sponsored by Rotary Club of Sarnia-Bluewaterland.

This award recognizes an individual who goes above and beyond, and, who exemplifies the true potential of a volunteer to make a difference in the community. The candidate will have shown a commitment to bettering the community by volunteering to a cause about which they are passionate. In addition, the candidate will demonstrate creativity, co-operation, and serve as a role model for others in the community. These initiatives may be both at the international and local level and include building relationships, identifying needs and implementing solutions to improve lives. Essay must include examples of the aforementioned.

Champion of Inclusion Award - Sponsored by Community Living Wallaceburg.

This award recognizes an individual who has helped promote a community, where all people feel empowered to Dream, Believe, Overcome and Achieve. The successful candidate will be a student who has taken steps to include people who face a barrier in their community. The candidate should be able to demonstrate examples of their work in school and/or community activities or providing leadership to encourage others to do the same. The essay must include examples of any volunteering they have undertaken.