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TO: Youth Advocate

**FROM: Charles Mahony, Chairperson
Dutchess County Youth Board**

DATE: February 1, 2010

**SUBJECT: Annual Youth Excellence Awards (YEA) Nominations for Youth
and Adults**

The Dutchess County Youth Board is seeking nominations on a countywide basis for public recognition of youth, and of adults in the youth development field. The awards will be presented at our Annual Luncheon to be held on June 3, 2010 at Dutchess Community College. Past events have proven to be emotionally uplifting for all who attend: youth, families, school professionals and community representatives.

YEA Awards are for youth in middle school, high school or alternative educational programs whose performances would otherwise be overlooked. These awards are not intended for traditional students who have effective support systems and have always excelled.

All students and youth nominated are invited to attend the event as our guests and will be presented with a framed certificate and small gift, and are recognized in our luncheon brochure. Due to limited resources, do not nominate more than three students per organization or school building. The Youth Board also presents scholarships to Dutchess Community College for graduating seniors or youth who have completed a GED or sitting for the GED exam this May. Please distribute the enclosed forms to appropriate staff to complete.

Adult nominations are welcome for the following categories: Professional Youth Worker employed by a municipal or not-for-profit agency in a paid position, and who best exemplifies excellence in commitment and dedication to youth; Professional Teacher for a middle school or high school teacher who promotes positive youth development; and Dorothy O. Lasday Award for an adult volunteer.

All applications should be returned by Thursday, March 25, 2010 to the Dutchess County Youth Bureau, 27 High Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Honorees will be contacted directly and nominating schools and organizations will be notified. Please note: we are unable to provide transportation for nominees; and, we will have a limited number of scholarships available for parents to attend the event.

If you have any questions, please call Donna Miles, at the Youth Bureau, 486-3646, or e-mail: dmiles@co.dutchess.ny.us Thank you for your assistance.

Enclosures



NOMINATION FOR THE YEA AWARD

(Nominations are for youth in middle school, high school or alternative educational programs)

A LIMITED NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED

Return by March 25, 2010

(Please include all information. Type or Print Clearly)

Youth's Name _____ (M) ____ (F) ____ Grade _____

Youth's Mailing Address _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone (____) _____

Nominated By: Name _____

(Agency/School) _____

Agency/School Mailing Address _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____

Nominator's E-Mail _____

Executive Dir./School Superintendent _____

School Principal _____

School Mailing Address _____

If nominated by an agency, please list the school the student is attending and the Guidance Counselor's name:

School Presently Attending _____

Guidance Counselor _____

YEA AWARD CATEGORIES

(Choose only one)

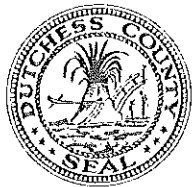
Most Significant Improvement in Overall Performance
(This represents a long-term behavioral or attitude change for the better in the student.)

Success Despite Difficult Odds
(Student has overcome a family or personal difficulty and is doing well in school.)

Volunteer or Community Service
(Student spends his discretionary time helping others or completing a project that has added to the betterment of the community. Please remember that this should be a student who has also faced obstacles.)

AND -- If Nominee is graduating or earning a GED:

CONSIDER THIS YOUTH FOR A DCC SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR. Please fill out page three for DCC scholarship nominees with background and educational accomplishments.



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BIOGRAPHY - For **All** Youth Being Nominated (including DCC scholarship nominees.) Please use only the space provided. Please include information about the nominee that will be **included in our brochure (no confidential information, please.)**

Why does this youth fit this category?

What are the accomplishments or successes that this youth achieved?

Provide two or three positive adjectives to describe this youth today.



NOMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL YOUTH WORKER AWARD

Return by March 25, 2010

(Type or Print Clearly)

ELIGIBILITY:

- Employed five or more years in youth services
- Job performance exemplifies dedication and commitment to improve quality of life for Dutchess County youth.
- Is an outstanding role model for youth

NOMINEE:

Name _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____

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Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

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Contact Person e-mail _____

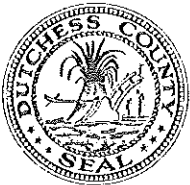
Executive Director/President _____

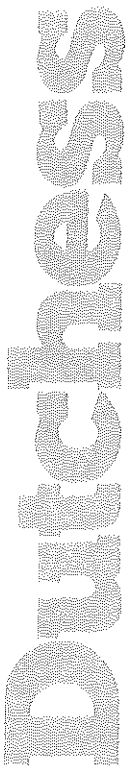
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DESCRIPTION OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR ACTIVITIES THAT DEMONSTRATE ELIGIBILITY: (Please be specific about dates and/or number of years.) Attach additional sheet or use reverse side.

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NOMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHER AWARD

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ELIGIBILITY:

- Employed five or more years as a Teacher (currently Middle School or High School)
- Job performance exemplifies dedication and commitment to students
- Is an outstanding role model for youth
- Activities and actions promote positive youth development beyond the classroom

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School _____

Address _____

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Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Contact Person E-Mail _____

Principal _____ Phone _____

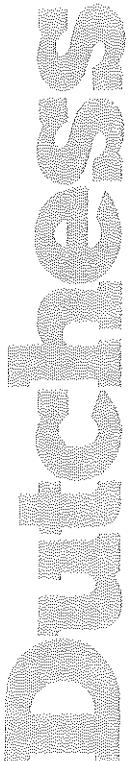
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NOMINATION FOR DOROTHY O. LASDAY AWARD

(This award is intended to acknowledge the contributions of individuals whose volunteer efforts improved the quality of life for our children.)

Return by MARCH 25, 2010

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Dorothy O. Lasday was a bright woman who earned an engineering degree, but never practiced her profession. Instead, her consuming energies were directed toward fighting for children's rights. She belonged to a number of important organizations including the League of Women Voters. Locally, she was a main force in helping to create both the Child Development Council and the Task Force for Child Protection. She was also instrumental in changing legislation that protected children's individual rights. Since 1988 the Dutchess County Youth Board, in conjunction with the Youth Bureau, has recognized a local adult exhibiting this same spirit of volunteerism, with the Dorothy O. Lasday Award. Nominees should have volunteered their time with Dutchess County youth for five years or more.

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Organization _____

Address _____

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DESCRIPTION OF VOLUNTEER YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (Please be specific with dates, number of years involved in various activities, and a summary of accomplishments for each affiliation.) Attach additional sheet or use reverse side if needed.

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