

The Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award program serves the following counties:

**Adams County**

Arvada  
Aurora  
Bennett  
Brighton  
Commerce City  
Federal Heights  
Northglenn  
Strasburg  
Thornton  
Westminster

**Arapahoe County**

Aurora  
Bow Mar  
Centennial  
Cherry Hills Village  
Columbine Valley  
Deer Trail  
Englewood  
Foxfield  
Glendale  
Greenwood Village  
Littleton  
Sheridan

**Boulder County**

Boulder  
Jamestown  
Lafayette  
Longmont  
Louisville  
Lyons  
Nederland  
Superior  
Ward

**City and County of  
Broomfield**

**Clear Creek County**

Empire  
Georgetown  
Idaho Springs  
Silver Plume

**City and County of Denver**

**Douglas County**

Castle Rock  
Larkspur  
Lone Tree  
Parker

**Gilpin County**

Black Hawk  
Central City

**Jefferson County**

Arvada  
Edgewater  
Evergreen  
Golden  
Lakeside  
Lakewood  
Morrison  
Mountain View  
Westminster  
Wheat Ridge



## 2005-2006 Nomination Form

The Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award (MMCYA) is an award that recognizes teenagers between the ages of 13 and 19 who have overcome personal adversity and created positive change in their environments. The awards program provides business, community, and civic leaders the opportunity to actively demonstrate their belief in and support for the young people in our communities.

Teens need recognition and support. In these days when much of the press about teenagers is negative, the Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards focus on teenagers who have triumphed over great odds and serve as inspirations and role models.

If you know young people who would be good candidates for the Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award, please help us identify them by completing the attached nomination form.

### Mission of the MMCYA

To identify and recognize teenagers who have overcome obstacles and risen to challenges life has presented.

## The Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award is unique

because it seeks to recognize youth who have overcome difficult situations in their lives by making positive changes and by exhibiting strength and determination in the face of adversity. The young people we recognize have had a positive influence on themselves and those around them and often have not had any official recognition.

The MMCYA is a 3-tiered program that honors nominees at local, county, and metro-wide levels. Typically, all nominees are recognized at the local level, then a screening process determines which nominees will be honored at the county level, and which of those will be further recognized at the metro-wide level. This award is unique because it encompasses all youth: youth who have not finished school, youth in traditional classroom settings, youth in group homes, youth in alternative schools, and emancipated youth.

In describing your nominee, please be specific as to why you think your nominee should receive this award. **As you fill out these forms, keep in mind that the more information you include, the easier it will be for the screening committees to recognize what makes these young people so special.** We realize that some of the information may be sensitive. Please indicate if any of the information needs to be kept confidential.

Examples might include:

- Overcoming physical, emotional, or other challenges
- Providing financial or emotional support to family and friends
  - Care of sick or elderly sibling, parent, or friend
- Providing positive leadership and role modeling for other youth
  - Positive behavioral changes
  - Community involvement

### DETAILS

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Jan 13, 2006

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### Step 1. Tell us about your nominee.

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY AND FILL THIS FORM OUT COMPLETELY.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

If student, school attending \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ County in which School is located \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's age as of 12/31/05 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Relationship to Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**To the best of my knowledge, all the information provided in this application is true and reflects the nominee accurately. I have made note of specific information about the nominee that needs to be kept confidential.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Complete both sides and mail completed form to:**

Maria VanderKolk  
City of Arvada  
City Manager's Office  
8101 Ralston Rd.  
Arvada, CO 80002  
720-898-7507

## **Step 2. Tell us why your nominee deserves this award.**

**Please be as specific as you can and use additional sheets if necessary. Pertinent supplementary material may be included. (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY and fill this form out completely.) Nominations with very brief or incomplete information may not be given as much consideration as thorough nominations.**

Provide as much information and as many *specific* examples as possible.

1. Describe the personal adversity, difficult environment, or limitations your nominee has overcome.
2. What were the key factors that helped your nominee turn his or her adversity to advantage?
3. In what ways has your nominee benefited himself or herself or other youth, the family, or the community?
4. Why do you feel your nominee should receive this award?