

Nomination Form

2020 Youth Work Awards!

Youth workers are often the unsung heroes of the youth within our communities. They have a direct impact on the lives of our youth. They often wear many hats- mentor, educator, counselor, and friend. Each year, UnifiedErie holds the Youth Work Awards to celebrate and honor youth workers at Erie County, Pennsylvania non-profits. By nominating a youth worker, you are recognizing an individual who is improving and shaping the lives of youth in our community. Please go to the Youth Work Award website for more information: <https://www.unifiederie.org/youth-work-awards>.

Guidelines

Who is eligible for nomination?

Only paid staff members (full-time or part-time) currently working at an Erie County, Pennsylvania non-profit organization. Volunteers are not eligible. Teachers are only eligible for nomination for their paid involvement in extracurricular activities and programs and non-profit daycare providers.

Who can nominate a youth worker?

Anyone can nominate a youth worker - youth, parent of youth, supervisor, co-worker, and community members! You can only submit ONE nomination per year.

How do I submit my nomination?

Online nomination form submission is preferred: http://bit.ly/YWA_NominationForm_2020

Video submission nominations are acceptable: http://bit.ly/YWA_Video_Nomination

You can also send by fax: (814) 824-2182 or by postal mail: Mercyhurst University Civic Institute, Attn: Youth Work Awards, 501 E. 38th St., Erie, PA 16546

Nomination Deadline: September 20, 2020



Do I have to answer every question on the nomination form?

Yes, you must complete all sections on the form. All contact information must be accurate, and the short answer section must have a minimum of three sentences per question. Submissions that are incomplete will not be recognized.

What happens after I submit my nomination?

Submissions are reviewed for completeness and eligible nominees are contacted on or before October 1, 2020. The Nomination Review Committee uses a set of guidelines to determine the yearly award winners. The committee is looking for nominations that give specific examples, are heartfelt, and express how the youth worker has had a significant impact on the lives of youth.

When are the Youth Work Awards and can I attend?

Over the last couple of years, the Youth Work Awards were held in October during Positive Youth Development week. Anyone is welcome to attend this celebration, but you must register to attend. More information about the event will be available in spring 2020.

How can I register for the Youth Work Awards?

Registration will be open to the public at the beginning of September 2020. You must register online to attend the Youth Work Awards.

Who do I contact with questions or for more information?

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(814) 824-3673

Thank you for nominating a youth worker – one of the most valuable assets in our community!

****ALL sections must be complete. Any incomplete form will not be recognized.**

Who are you nominating?

Full Name

Work Phone Number

Work Email

How long have you known this person?

What non-profit organization do they work for?

In which program(s) does this person work?

Please provide the name of the nominee's supervisor, if known.

Please provide the supervisor's phone number or email address, if known.

For your nomination to be considered, all questions **MUST** be answered. Each question requires a minimum of **THREE** sentences. **Please complete on a separate piece of paper and include the nominee's name at the top of the page.**

1. Why are you nominating this person?
2. Explain how this person has impacted your life and/or the lives of the youth with whom they work? Give at least one specific example.
3. Pick **ONE** of the following to answer:
 - a. Youth workers often do more than what is expected of them. Please tell us how this person goes above and beyond to make a difference.
 - b. How does this person demonstrate creativity when meeting the needs of youth or out-of-the box thinking when faced with a youth or family's challenging situation?
 - c. Youth workers often act as positive role models in the lives of the youth they serve. Please tell us how this person has fulfilled this role for you and/or other youth.
4. What else would you like us to know about this person's role as a youth worker or what makes this youth worker stand out from the others? (optional)

Your Name:

If someone helped you complete this form, please provide that person's name:

Your Relationship to the Nominee:

- ☐ Youth
- ☐ Parent of youth
- ☐ Teacher
- ☐ Supervisor
- ☐ Co-worker
- ☐ Other _____

Your Phone Number:

Your Email Address:



Check the box if you DO NOT give permission to share your name and the contents of your nomination with the person you are nominating and you want to remain anonymous.

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