



CITY OF LONE TREE

**OUTSTANDING YOUTH
OF LONE TREE AWARD
2012**

**Accepting Applications:
January 1, 2012 – April 1, 2012**

The Lone Tree Youth Commission, in partnership with the City of Lone Tree, is pleased to announce the Outstanding Youth of Lone Tree Award program that recognizes youth in the community who demonstrate a commitment to community involvement as well as personal achievement. Additionally, the award provides an opportunity to showcase the talents and contributions of young people at an annual award ceremony in May.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Outstanding Youth of Lone Tree Award is to promote a positive image of young people and to generate awareness of the valuable contributions youth make in our community.

AWARD RULES

ELIGIBILITY

Competition for this award is open to any student who meets the following requirements:

1. The applicant's legal residence is located within the City of Lone Tree at the time of application.
2. The applicant must be currently enrolled in eighth through twelfth grade.
3. The applicant's qualifying project or the performance of qualifying deeds or actions identified in the application were conducted within 12 months prior to the date that the application is received.

AWARD FORMAT

1. One award will be given annually at a presentation to City Council at their first regularly scheduled meeting in May. The award will be presented to a deserving youth currently in eighth through twelfth grade.
2. In the event that there are no qualified applicants, the City of Lone Tree reserves the right to suspend the award cycle for the corresponding year.

AWARD CRITERIA

The Outstanding Youth of Lone Tree Award will be determined by the Selection Committee based upon the Committee's determination that the applicant best satisfies the following criteria:

1. The applicant is someone that has demonstrated leadership through community service or other outstanding accomplishments in academics, arts and culture, entrepreneurship, environment, sports and recreation, social action, or personal triumph.
2. The applicant demonstrates the potential to become a leader in his or her future career in civic and community affairs, or both.
3. The applicant exhibits strength of character, maturity, integrity and stability.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The Selection Committee will be comprised of:
 - a. The Chair of the Lone Tree Youth Commission
 - b. One additional Lone Tree Youth Commissioner selected by the Youth Commission
 - c. One member of the Lone Tree City Council
 - d. The Youth Commission's Staff Liaison
 - e. Up to one additional leader in the community who has demonstrated a commitment to the City of Lone Tree.
2. The application acceptance period will open January 1, 2012.
3. The Selection Committee will begin reviewing all applications one to two weeks following the submittal deadline of April 1, 2012.
4. Selection of the award recipient will be made based on an in-person interview with the Selection Committee and the content of the application.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To complete the application, the applicant should:

1. Fully answer each page of the attached application and submit it to the Lone Tree Youth Commission by April 1, 2012. Applications will be accepted beginning January 1, 2012.
2. Write an essay between 250 – 750 words describing, in detail, how you (the applicant) had a positive impact on your community.
3. Have a copy of your school transcript/report card and two letter of recommendation forms mailed directly to the Lone Tree Youth Commission by April 1, 2012.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Members of the Selection Committee must disclose any personal relationships, positions they hold (volunteer or otherwise), or circumstances that they believe could contribute to a conflict of interest in determining the recipient of the Outstanding Youth of Lone Tree Award. Full disclosure must be made verbally by all members of the Selection Committee before the annual selection process begins. In the case where a member of the Selection Committee identifies a personal conflict of interest, they will be removed from the Committee and a replacement will fill the position for the current award cycle.

All applications must be submitted to:

City of Lone Tree
Lone Tree Youth Commission
9220 Kimmer Drive, Suite 100
Lone Tree, CO 80124

OR

Kristen.Knoll@cityoflonetree.com

AWARDS

\$500 will be awarded to an individual or a group of students in 8th through 12th grade. Funds for this award have been contributed by the City of Lone Tree Youth Commission and KeyBank.

QUESTIONS

For more information, please call Kristen Knoll at 303-708-1818 or email Kristen.Knoll@cityoflonetree.com.

**Application due April 1, 2012 by 5:00 pm
No late applications will be accepted**

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Application

Section II

Please list any extracurricular activities, both school sponsored and otherwise, that you have participated in and when you participated in them.

| Activity | Year |
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Please list any prizes, honors, or awards which you have received. You may include any media coverage that you have received. Please answer if applicable.

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Please list any employment and/or volunteer experiences, including summer jobs which you have had. Include a brief description of the work, name of your employer/project supervisor and dates that you worked/volunteered.

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Section III

1. Please write an essay of 250-750 words describing in detail how you (or your actions) have had a positive impact on your community. Be sure to include specific examples of your leadership through community service or your accomplishments in academics, arts and culture, entrepreneurship, environment, sports and recreation, social action, or personal triumph as it relates to your application.
2. After putting your name on the two letter of recommendation forms, detach them and:
 - a. Give one to an adult who was somehow involved in your community project/actions; and
 - b. Give one to an adult neighbor, friend or teacher who knows about your project.

Be sure to provide directions to the adults writing your recommendations on the proper mailing of the recommendations and consider giving them a stamped addressed envelope to return the recommendation form to the City.

I hereby state that the information above is true and correct. If requested, I will make myself available for an interview with the Selection Committee. I hereby give my permission to the City of Lone Tree and the Lone Tree Youth Commission to share the information provided in this application and to use photographs of me taken during the award ceremony with the media and on the City's website for publicity purposes.

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| Student Signature | Date |
| _____ | _____ |
| Parent/Guardian Signature | Date |

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