

# SAANICH YOUTH AWARDS 2019



**Help us to celebrate exceptional young people in our community**

**Nominate a Youth Today!**

We are looking to recognize youth who have made significant strides in personal development, are extra kind to their friends, the earth, and their community, or are all around trailblazers! Youth groups and Youth workers who have made a big difference in the lives of others will also be recognized.

**Awards Ceremony: Cedar Hill Golf Course - May 30th, 2019**

## **What are the Saanich Youth Awards?**

The Saanich Youth Awards Program recognizes young people in our community:

- Aged 12 to 19 years old
- Who live, learn, or play in the Municipality of Saanich
- Who have demonstrated significant personal achievements or contributions to our community

## **Who can nominate a Youth?**

Anyone can nominate a youth, including teachers, coaches, peers, neighbours, and relatives



### **Big Change Award**

For youth who have made great personal strides, or have overcome personal or societal barriers. Let us hear your story, we are proud of the positive changes you have made.



### **Community Enhancement Award**

For individual youth or youth groups, clubs or organizations who have made positive contributions to the community. To recognize you and thank you for all you do!



### **Trailblazer Award**

For youth who inspire us with their perseverance, resilience, and ability to move forward through the many obstacles life may bring. Cheers to you for taking the path less traveled.



### **Eco-Citizen Award**

For youth who show their love for the earth and our natural environments, through service work, new earth friendly ideas, and everyday lifestyle practices. The earth (and we) thank you!



### **Friendship Award**

For youth who have shown exceptional love towards another. Your example of true friendship is priceless. Everyone needs a friend, and you have been the absolute best.



### **Youth Group Award**

For groups of young people who are doing really cool things. We want to hear all about your projects and rally behind your efforts! \*Winners of this category will receive access to start-up funding for their groups next big dream!



### **Youth Worker Award**

For the amazing people who dedicate their time and energy to lifting up young people and helping them to succeed. We see you, we hear you, and we so appreciate everything you do.

## How can I Nominate a Youth?

- Anyone can nominate a youth for a Saanich Youth Award. Teachers can nominate their students, students can nominate their friends, and community groups can nominate their volunteers. The more nominations we receive, the better! We encourage you to tell youth you have nominated them, as they must be present at the awards ceremony if they win.
- Each application requires at least one letter of support, where you can tell us all about the awesome youth in your life, and how they have worked towards personal success or positively impacted our community. Nomination forms can be found at the bottom of this page.

**Nominations can be sent to: [Loryn.Anderson@saanich.ca](mailto:Loryn.Anderson@saanich.ca) or hard copy mailed to: Saanich Municipal Hall  
Loryn Anderson - Youth Awards - 780 Vernon Ave, Victoria BC V8X 2W7 Questions? #250-475-7111**

## How will we select the Saanich Youth Award recipients?

- We have an awards committee selection panel made up of Saanich youth, Saanich community members, as well as Youth Services staff members. The committee selects from the list of nominees each year, and uses a predetermined criteria to select the winners. The panel can decide to give more than one award in each category.

### **To be considered for an award, nominee(s) must:**

- Live, Learn, or Play in the **Municipality of Saanich**
- Be 12-19 years old
- Show exceptional strides in one of the above noted categories

## What will they win?

- Youth and their families will be invited to an **awards ceremony** to celebrate their success and achievements. The awards ceremony will highlight their unique story, and youth will be awarded with a **certificate highlighting their achievements**.
- Saanich wants to stay connected to our amazing youth, and will award them with a prize pack that includes a **Year Long Recreation Pass to any Saanich Recreation Centre** to help them to stay active and part of our recreation community. *\*Please note the Youth Group Category and the Youth Awards Category will have alternate prize packages.*

## Awards Ceremony Celebration:

- We look forward to honoring the winners of these awards at a special ceremony. Youth will be invited to share their story if they are comfortable to do so. Winners must be present at the ceremony to accept their awards.

**Ceremony will take place in the evening on Thursday, May 30th, 2019 at the Cedar Hill Golf Course.**

## Why Nominate a Youth or Youth Group?

- Youth today are facing multiple challenges including unprecedented mental health challenges, body image issues, and pressures of competition to access sports teams, post-secondary education, housing, and employment. Combined with influences of social media, and negative stereotyping, youth are often not recognized publicly for their amazing contributions and their enormous asset to our community. We want to help change that! Will you help us? Take some time to advocate for these amazing youth today!

# 2019 Saanich Youth Awards Nomination Form

## Nominator (your) Information:

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization / School Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to the Nominee: (ie - coach, advisor, friend...) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the nominee? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Nomination Category:**

- Big Change Award**
- Community Enhancement Award**
- Eco Citizen Award**
- Trailblazer Award**
- Friendship Award**
- Youth Group Award**
- Youth Worker Award**

## Nominee Information:

Nominee's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*(Please spell names correctly as this is our information source for the invitations, certificates and awards)*

Nominee's Pronoun: (They/Them/Theirs or He/Him or She/Her or Unsure) \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ School of Nominee (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Have you told the nominee that you have nominated them for a Saanich Youth Award & confirmed that they will be able to attend the awards ceremony on Thurs. May 30, 2019? Please check box:  Yes  No**

## **Letter(s) of Recommendation:**

Please answer the following questions as they relate to the chosen award category.  
Feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.

**\*What are the nominee's achievements and contributions in the award area? Describe why you think this nominee/group deserves recognition and what makes them exceptional.**

**\*What obstacles has the nominee had to overcome in their life and/or what positive changes has the nominee made in the lives of others?**

**Fill in this form and save it. The Nominations can be attached and emailed to :  
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