

1ST ANNUAL NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS

FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP AND
PUBLIC SERVICE

For Immediate Release
NOMINATION BOOKLET



In Celebration of Our Nation's Youth:

The Department of Youth and Culture (DYC) is inviting nominations for the 1st Annual National Youth Awards for Excellence in Personal Development, Leadership and Public Service.

We are looking for young persons between the age of 13 and 30 years and/or youth based organisations, whose work exemplifies the Government's aspirations for youth development in such areas as: governance, leadership, youth empowerment, youth innovation, youth volunteerism, youth entrepreneurship, and youth excellence in academia, sports, culture and the arts.

There are five (5) general goals:

- i. To celebrate exemplary behaviour among young people
- ii. To encourage and motivate young people
- iii. To acknowledge and highlight the achievements of young people in Anguilla
- iv. To encourage young people to be positive role models/ambassadors and mentors in their communities
- v. To foster a spirit of volunteerism and public service among Anguilla's youth

Nominees should exhibit one or more of the following qualities/characteristics:

- i. High ethical standards
- ii. A noticeable commitment to public service or youth volunteerism
- iii. A demonstrated commitment to academic excellence
- iv. A proven commitment to sports and youth well-being
- v. Excelled in leadership
- vi. A demonstrable record of achievement in culture and the arts
- vii. A proven record of accomplishments in [youth] faith based initiatives
- viii. A verifiable commitment to young people and youth development
- ix. A lifelong commitment to youth work

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Public Service Work/Youth Work can be in any of the following areas:

- i. Youth participation in governance
- ii. Youth empowerment
- iii. Education
- iv. Sports
- v. Arts and culture
- vi. Environmental Protection
- vii. Leadership
- viii. Entrepreneurship and youth employment
- ix. Creativity and Innovation
- x. Science and technology
- xi. Community Service
- xii. Faith Based Initiatives
- xiii. Health and Wellbeing
- xiv. Peaceful Coexistence and Peace Building
- xv. Journalism, media, public awareness raising
- xvi. Nation Building

Criteria for nomination:

- i. The nominee must have been engaged in public service for more than 12 months either in a professional or voluntary capacity
- ii. The nominee should not be older than 30 years on 31st December 2014
- iii. Individuals must be residents of Anguilla for a minimum of 5 years
- iv. Individuals cannot nominate themselves
- v. Organisations should be in existence of a period of no less than 5 years
- vi. Nominees should give permission for their names to be put forward
- vii. The winner must agree to participate in publicity activities organised by the Department of Youth and Culture for a period not exceeding one year following the official ceremony

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Awards will be decided on the basis of:

- i. Quality of Impact
- ii. Level of innovation/fresh approaches to problem-solving
- iii. Quality of achievement
- iv. Quality of evidence provided
- v. Sustainability

Awards:

i. **Outstanding Youth Organization for Faith Based Achievements**

Criteria: Must be actively involved in community development and faith based work.

Requirement: Affirmation statement from the leader of the faith based organisation demonstrating work of group must be attached to this form.

ii. **Community Service Award**

Criteria: The organisation should promote a positive image of youth; should be engaged in community work. This award is based on quantity, quality and consistency of community service.

Requirement: A signed report from the president/leader of the organisation. Report should include list of community activities executed during the past year. This must be attached to the nomination form.

iii. **Outstanding Youth in Entrepreneurship**

The award is made to an individual or group who has been successful in managing and sustaining a viable self-owned enterprise.

Criteria: Enterprise is self-owned; must demonstrate a projection for sustainability; nominee should have made contribution to youth employment or provided sponsorship to youth development programmes/activities.

Requirement: A viable business plan; should demonstrate at least a two-year record of continuous operation (Economic success of the enterprise as measured by: growth/financial strength/work force).

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iv. **Friend of Youth Award**

This award will be given to an individual, a group or a company who have made significant contributions to youth development in Anguilla and has consistently done so over the past five years.

v. **Esteemed Volunteer Award**

Criteria: Individual must have served as a volunteer within the last 12 months; should demonstrate a high level of reliability and produced work of an acceptable standard; Individual is truly driven and passionate about volunteerism and goes beyond and above the call of duty to ensure the highest level of service when executing or participating in activities

vi. **Academic and Extra Curricula Excellence Award**

Criteria: Must show consistent achievement in academic pursuits; must be actively engaged in extra curricula activities.

vii. **Outstanding Youth/Youth Group in Sport**

Criteria: must have achieved significant attainment in a certain sport or sports; must promote healthy lifestyle.

viii. **Outstanding Youth in Visual Arts**

The award is made to an individual who has excelled and received national, regional or international recognition in the specific field.

Criteria: Nominee must have produced/exhibited artworks within the last two years. Must have participated at events/competitions in the past year and/or have donated services within the past year.

ix. **Outstanding Youth in Media**

Criteria: This award is made to journalists, commentators, photographers, media houses who have, through their intervention, positively contributed to an awareness of the contributions and achievements by young people; promote national youth development and/ or youth empowerment. The recipient must be actively involved in media for at least two years and is a positive role model in media.

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x. **Outstanding Youth in Performing Arts (music, drama, dance)**

The award is made to an individual who has excelled and received national, regional or international recognition in the specific field

Criteria: The nominee must be an active participant in performing arts organisation/group or a solo performer. She/he must have participated in national, regional or international activities related to the performing arts. Should continually exhibit ethical behaviour and must contribute to the social consciousness of positive youth behaviour.

xi. **Outstanding Youth in Literary Arts (writing, poetry)**

The award is made to an individual who has excelled and received national, regional or international recognition in the specific areas

Criteria: Nominee must have produced/published literary work(s) within the past five years. Must contribute to the social consciousness of youth development and continually exhibit positive ethical behaviour.

xii. **Minister of Youth Affairs -Excellence in Leadership Award**

Criteria: This award is made to a young person who has served as a leader in an organisation/or organisations within the last 5 years. The awardee must have demonstrated effective interpersonal skills that enable consideration of and response to the needs, feelings, and capabilities of different people within the organisation. Develops and sustains cooperative working relationships; encourages and facilitates cooperation within the team and with other organisations. Must have a work plan and demonstrated leadership in execution of the organisation's mandate.

The National Youth Awards Committee:

Independent Body

Mr. Sanford Richardson, Chairperson
Mr. Leslie Jasen Hodge
Ms. Tara Carter
Dr. Leroy Hill
Ms. Farrah Banks
Mr. Khendon Hull

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NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS 2014 NOMINATION FORM

Please complete all four parts. Electronic forms are available on www.gov.ai

PART 1. NOMINEE’S DETAILS (or contact person’s details if nominee is a group/ organisation/council)

GROUP/ORGANISATION/COUNCIL (if relevant)			
TITLE	Miss	Ms	Mrs
	Mr	Dr	Other (please specify)
NAME			
ADDRESS			
PHONE	HOME	MOBILE	
EMAIL			
NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS 2014 <i>(select the area in which the nominee has made a significant contribution)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. FAITH BASED ACHIEVEMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. ENTREPRENEURSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> 4. FRIEND OF YOUTH		
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. ESTEEMED VOLUNTEER	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. ACADEMIC		
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. SPORTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. VISUAL ARTS		
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. MEDIA	<input type="checkbox"/> 10. PERFORMING ARTS		
<input type="checkbox"/> 11. LITERARY ARTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 12. LEADERSHIP		

NOMINEE DECLARATION:

I confirm that the person named below as nominator has consulted with me prior to submitting this nomination, that I consent to the nomination and confirm that the information provided in the nomination is accurate. I have read the eligibility criteria and confirm that I meet each criterion for the nominated category. If selected, I agree to attend the presentation ceremony.

Nominee’s signature: Date:

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PART 2. NOMINATOR’S DETAILS (or contact person’s details if nominator is a group/organisation/council)

GROUP/ORGANISATION/COUNCIL (if relevant)			
TITLE	Miss	Ms	Mrs
	Mr	Dr	Other (please specify)
NAME			
ADDRESS			
PHONE	HOME	MOBILE	
EMAIL			

NOMINATOR DECLARATION:

I confirm that I have consulted with the nominee and that they have consented to their nomination and confirmed that the information contained in this nomination is accurate and that they meet the eligibility criteria. I have read the eligibility criteria and confirm that the nominee meets each criterion for the nominated category.

Nominator’s signature..... Date:

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PART 3. GENERAL DESCRIPTION CONTRIBUTION of PERSON

<p>DESCRIPTION of either the NOMINATED PROJECT (categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 6) or the NOMINATED PERSON'S CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>Max 200 words (attachments accepted)</p>	
<p>WHO WAS INVOLVED Eg. community groups /artists /organisations</p>	

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PART 4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Evidence of Contribution
1) Examples of significant media recognition such as features, articles and/or reviews from national publications or broadcasting companies. Event listings or advertisements are acceptable.
2) Proof of having won local, regional or international awards for excellence.
3) Proof of service/projects, performances, publications or exhibitions in the past five years in contexts which are recognised as locally significant in your field. It remains for the Awards Committee to judge whether submissions provide appropriate evidence of significant achievement.

Provide letters of endorsement as set out below:

Provide **two** letters of endorsement from individuals, organisations, institutions or companies with a national or international reputation and recognised expertise in your specialist field.

At least **one** of these must be from an Anguillian body. Acceptable organisations would be those which are well established nationally and/or internationally.

<p>LETTERS OF ENDORESMENT:</p> <p>Please provide the name and contact details of two referees familiar with the nominated project or individuals contribution.</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>Referee name:</p> <p>Phone:</p> <p>Email:</p> <p>2.</p> <p>Referee name:</p> <p>Phone:</p> <p>Email:</p>
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<p>DIGITAL IMAGES DOCUMENTING CONTRIBUTION:</p> <p>Please provide a brief caption for each image, the name of the photographer and written permission for use of the 3-12 digital images attached on CD. The images must be a .jpg format.</p>	<p>IMAGE OF NOMINEE 1. CAPTION (Name)</p> <p>IMAGE 2. CAPTION</p> <p>IMAGE 3. CAPTION</p> <p>(please add captions for other images as required)</p>
<p>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (please list all support material attached to this nomination)</p> <p>NOTE: all supporting documentation including image CDs are required for the nomination to be eligible.</p>	<p>Required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CD containing a minimum of 3 and max 12 images</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> written permission for use of images from each photographer</p> <p>Optional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> other – please identify all other support material attached</p>

Only completed nomination forms with all supporting documents received by **Friday 19th September 2014** will be considered.

Please submit to:

The National Youth Awards Committee

Department of Youth and Culture
 Cannon Ball Building
 Airport Road (Near NAPA)
 The Valley,
 Anguilla
youthandculture@gov.ai

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