

Cook County Sheriff
Thomas J. Dart
Youth Service Medal of Honor

“Community service is such an important aspect in my life because I believe that a life lead helping others can only improve your own.”

Jennifer O'Connor - Chicago
2009 Medal of Honor Recipient

Volunteers make a difference in individual lives as well as communities. Many of these contributions of time and talent are given by concerned and committed youth. To recognize these efforts, the Sheriff of Cook County will sponsor the *23rd Annual Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor*. This award is given to **residents of Cook County**, grades 9-12, who have provided meaningful volunteer service to their communities. A minimum of **100 hours** of voluntary (unpaid) community service is required to qualify.

Youth Application Procedure:

1. Complete Parts I - IV. Please type or print.
2. Part IV must be signed and completed by a project supervisor for **each** of your volunteer experiences.
3. The first 300 applicants who meet the requirements and complete and submit the application on time, may earn the Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor.

Eligible Community Service Hours:

- Must equal a minimum of 100 hours (**not including hours served as a school requirement**)
 - Must be earned between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010
 - Applicant must be a high school student (grades 9 - 12) while volunteering
 - May be direct service, fundraising, planning, or support activities
 - May be performed independently under a service supervisor, or with one or more organizations, or religious groups
 - Service performed at school during school hours will **not** be accepted
 - Must be for the benefit of the community (services to family, friends, or extra-curricular school and sport activities, i.e. Theater, will **not** be accepted)
4. Return completed application to:

SHERIFF'S YOUTH SERVICE MEDAL OF HONOR

Cook County Sheriff Youth Services Department
3026 S. California Ave Building 1, 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL. 60608
(773) 869-4711

Postmarked no later than October 8, 2010

SHERIFF'S YOUTH SERVICE MEDAL OF HONOR

Candidate Information

(Please type or print)

PART I: Complete In Full

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____
(Cook County Residents Only) Street City Zip

TELEPHONE: (Home) _____ (Other) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ SEX: M ____ F ____
 SCHOOL: _____ / _____ GRADE _____ 2009/2010
Name Town LEVEL: SCHOOL YEAR

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____
(If different from above) Street City Zip

TELEPHONE: (Home) _____ (Other) _____
(If different from above)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PART II

Organizations/Volunteer Sites:

REQUIRED

Supervisor's
 Statement(s) (Part IV)
(attached - please check)

Hours

- | | | |
|----------|-------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ |

(Use a separate sheet if necessary)

Total

_____ (100 hrs. minimum)

PART III

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

In 100 words, describe what you feel has been the value of your community service to others and to yourself.

(Use a separate sheet and attach)

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Reproduce additional copies of Part IV as needed.

**SHERIFF'S YOUTH SERVICE MEDAL OF HONOR
Candidate Information**

(Please type or print)

PART IV: Complete In Full

Service supervisor's statement for: _____
Name of Candidate

NAME OF SUPERVISOR: _____ POSITION: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
Street City Zip

Describe each of the community service activities, (including number of hours worked) for which the candidate was under your supervision. Attach additional paper work if necessary.

Please comment on how the above listed activities benefited the community.

I hereby verify that _____ has performed _____ hours of voluntary (non-paid) community service with the organization named above between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: Part IV must be included from each project supervisor. Those service hours without a corresponding service supervisor's statement will be considered **incomplete**.

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