



Jacob Beidler Elementary School

Dear Friends,

It is with great excitement we announce the 7th Annual East Garfield Park Community Youth Awards! We also invite you to join us in this sensational endeavor.

This opportunity is the result of the collaboration of our various organizations and our love of the people in East Garfield Park. These awards will celebrate youth achievement while encouraging continued growth, fostering pride among local residents, and promoting collaboration among community organizations. As always, we invite your EGP organization to join the planning team for future years.

So how can you participate this year? First, we ask you to communicate this opportunity to the staff, volunteers, and leaders in your organization. Please promote it widely. Second, please encourage your staff, volunteers, and leaders to nominate some young people who are involved with your organization. The wider the representation of youth in these awards, the better.

Attached should be everything you need to better understand the details of the 2020 East Garfield Park Community Youth Awards, including how to nominate a young person, who is eligible, and how to contact us with any questions.

Thank you for celebrating with us the fine young members of our community!

Sincerely,

East Garfield Park Youth Collaborative

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Introduction

East Garfield Park is filled with great kids! Once again, we would like to formally and publically recognize the hard work, achievements, and strength of character of some of the fine young members of our community. Please join us in acknowledging and celebrating the greatness in our youth by nominating a young person for an **EGP Community Youth Award!**

Eligibility

- Nominees must be **involved in the East Garfield Park neighborhood**. This includes living in EGP, attending school in EGP, and/or being actively involved with a community organization (after school program, park district, extracurricular program/club) or church in EGP.
- Nominees must fall within one of two grade classifications: either **grades 6-8** or **grades 9-12** for the 2019/20 school year.
- Nominations will be received from staff and volunteers from **EGP schools, churches, and community organizations/groups**.

Award Categories

Award categories are as follows:

- **Academics** (school based academic performance)
- **Performing Arts** (music, drama, dance, spoken word, etc)
- **Visual Arts** (painting, sculpting, graphic art, etc)
- **Community Service/Citizenship** (volunteerism)
- **Sports** (sport performance at school, club, or community level)
- **Peer Leadership** (leadership among their peers such as club, project, church leadership)

Award winners will be selected in each category from each grade range (6-8 and 9-12).

Process

This announcement initiates the application process for the 2020 East Garfield Park Community Youth Awards. Applications should be completed in full and postmarked or received no later than **Friday, May 1, 2020**. In order to nominate someone, please complete the on-line nomination form at **www.breakthrough.org/youthawards**, or by completing the attached form and mailing it to or dropping it off at Breakthrough FamilyPlex, 3219 W Carroll Ave, Chicago, IL 60624 – in care of Clara Porter. If there are any questions or additional clarification is needed, please call Will Joyce at 971-221-2261.

Recognition

Award winners will be determined by a committee and will be notified in early April. Award winners will be invited to an Awards Banquet to be held on **Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm**. All nominees will be recognized by mail.

Thank you for joining us in recognizing the greatness in our community!

2020 East Garfield Park Community Youth Awards Nomination

Nominee: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ **Daytime Phone #:** _____

Email: _____ **Evening Phone #:** _____

Nominator: _____ **Organization:** _____

Address: _____ **Daytime Phone #:** _____

Email: _____ **Evening Phone #:** _____

Award Category

☐ Academics

☐ Performing Arts

☐ Visual Arts

☐ Community Service/Citizenship

☐ Sports

☐ Peer Leadership

Grade Classification

☐ 6-8 (Middle School)

☐ 9-12 (High School)

Which school does the Nominee attend?

☐ Alain Locke Charter School

☐ Faraday Elementary School

☐ Jacob Beidler Elementary School

☐ Jensen Elementary Scholastic Academy

☐ John Marshall Metropolitan High School

☐ John Milton Gregory Math and Science Academy

☐ Joseph Kellman Corporate Community School

☐ Learn Charter Schools

☐ Other: _____

☐ Leif Ericson Elementary Scholastic Academy

☐ Manley Career Academy High School

☐ Phoenix Military Academy

☐ Providence Saint Mel School

☐ Raby High School

☐ West Town Academy

☐ Westinghouse College Prep

☐ Willa Cather Elementary School

Does the Nominee participate in programs with any of the following institutions? Please check all that apply.

☐ Chicago Park District: Altgeld Park

☐ Breakthrough Urban Ministries

☐ Bright Determined Children

☐ Chicago West Community Music Center

☐ Dr. Martin Luther King Boys and Girls Club

☐ Garfield Park Little League

☐ Others: _____

☐ Chicago Park District: Garfield Park (Golden Dome)

☐ Homan Square Community Center at Chicago Park

☐ Marillac Social Center

☐ Priscy's Production Outreach Program

☐ Taproots

Does the Nominee attend a local house of worship? If so, do you know which one?

Please tell us about the Nominee's Achievement or Improvement within the category.

Tell us how the Nominee has demonstrated they are a person of good character.

Has the Nominee experienced any unique obstacles or challenges? Please share.

Why are you nominating this person? Is there anything else you would like to share about the Nominee?

Are there any other people you recommend we talk to regarding the Nominee? If so, please list them.

Please have completed Nomination submitted no later than Friday, May 1, 2020. Thank you!