

Recommendation For The Distinguished Youth Service Award

A Recognition Program for Adults Serving Unity Youth
Presented by the Leadership and Organizational Development department of the
Association of Unity Churches International

*Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works and
glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16 KJV

The Purpose

The **Distinguished Youth Service Award** is a national recognition developed by the Association of Unity Churches International. Its purpose is to acknowledge those adults who have given their time and energies to the church by serving the spiritual development of children and teens of Unity.

Eligibility Criteria

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. Minimum age of 25.
2. Have a minimum of seven (7) years serving Unity children or teens.
3. Is a model of Unity Truth principles for our youth.
4. Encourages youth to participate in spiritual growth opportunities in their congregation.
5. Exhibits leadership and is a model for other adult volunteers of youth.
6. Has an approved background check on file at the ministry she/he is serving.
7. Self and spouse nominations are not accepted.

Nomination Procedure

- ❑ Nominations may be initiated by adults who serve along side the nominee in the local church or at a regional level, or by youth who have had their lives enriched through the relationship with the nominee.
- ❑ The nominator must review thoroughly the “eligibility criteria” to be sure that the candidate meets the guidelines for selection.
- ❑ The nominator must gain the approval of the nominee’s minister or board president or regional board before completing the application.
- ❑ The nominator must complete the application and submit a letter of recommendation for the nominee. It is imperative to give the complete name and title of the candidate as it should appear on the certificate.
- ❑ The nominator must collect and submit two (2) letters of recommendation for the nominee. One letter must come from the minister, or board president, and the other at large.
- ❑ The nominator must send in the completed application form with payment of \$30.00 to the Association of Unity Churches International, PO Box 610, Lee’s Summit, MO 64063. Payment by check, money order, MasterCard or Visa is accepted. (This award includes a gold-filled pendant suspended from a purple and yellow ribbon, a goldtone pin with spinel stone and a certificate.)
- ❑ The application will be reviewed by the Leadership and Organizational Development Department of the Association of Unity Churches International. The nominator will be notified within three weeks about the status of the application.
- ❑ Please allow at least 90 days (3 months) process time before you plan to schedule presentation. It is recommended that you not set the date of presentation until you have received the award.

Record of Achievements

There are two distinct areas of service that are required for the Distinguished Youth Service award. First, the candidate must be an active member in a Unity church or study group. Secondly, the candidate must have given significant service to youth, inside or outside the church. List on the following page all the activities, honors, and programs in which the candidate has been involved, emphasizing leadership responsibilities fulfilled.

Church Information

Nominee's church _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Minister/board president name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

In recognition of outstanding ministry to youth, our congregation recommends the nominee to receive The Distinguished Youth Service Award.

Approval Minister or Board President

Signature _____ Date _____

Nominator's Information

Name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day Contact) _____ E-mail _____

Nominator's Name (Print) _____

Nominator's Signature _____ Date _____

Mail Award to:

- Nominator
- Church

Checklist:

- Enclosed is the application of the candidate with supporting documents, including the approval of the minister or board president.
- Enclosed are three letters of recommendation; one from the nominator, one from the minister or board president or regional board, and one at large.
- Enclosed is payment of \$30.00.

Please make check payable to the Association of Unity Churches International, P.O. Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063

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