

# YWCA ANCHORAGE

## 2010 YOUNG PEOPLE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**Applications Due: Friday, March 19, 2010**

**The Young People of Achievement Awards recognizes Anchorage youth ages 16-18 years who have overcome major obstacles in their lives, and who have made efforts toward fulfilling the mission of the YWCA: *to eliminate racism and empower women.***

*The ten selected honorees will receive a cash award, recognition at the Young People of Achievement Awards reception on Friday, April 23rd, 2010, a framed certificate, and local media recognition.*

### **Awards Criteria:**

- ◆ Nominee must be a young woman or man who is 16-18 years of age.
- ◆ Ten honorees will be selected from the Anchorage community.
- ◆ The young woman or man may nominate themselves, or others may nominate them, by completing the attached nomination form.
- ◆ The Nominee shall have overcome one or more major obstacles in their lives.
- ◆ The Nominee must personally complete the essay question related to the YWCA's mission, which is to eliminate racism and empower women. The essay must be two paragraphs.
- ◆ The Selection Committee will select honorees based on the above criteria.

### **Application Process:**

Attached is the nomination form, which is also available on our website, [www.ywcaak.org](http://www.ywcaak.org). Please be as detailed and specific as possible in answering the questions. Please include 5 photographs (hard copy, CD or email to [kpitts@ywcaak.org](mailto:kpitts@ywcaak.org)) with your submission.

### **Required for Submission:**

***Eight (8) copies of the completed nomination packet, which includes: Nomination Form, a biography, two recommendation letters, three narratives, and five photographs. The completed application packet must be received in the YWCA Anchorage office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2010. It may be hand delivered between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or mailed to:***

**YWCA Anchorage: YPOA Selection Committee  
324 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501**

Questions? Please contact Kris Pitts at 644-9630 or [kpitts@ywcaak.org](mailto:kpitts@ywcaak.org)

***Save the date:** Presentation of awards will take place on Friday, April 23rd, 2010 at the Alaska Wild Berry Theater.*

**For reservations, call 644-9605 or email [dfritzler@ywcaak.org](mailto:dfritzler@ywcaak.org) or visit our website at [www.ywcaak.org](http://www.ywcaak.org).**

*The Anchorage School District does not endorse these materials or the viewpoints expressed in them.*

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empowering women  
ywca**

# 2010 Young People of Achievement Awards Nomination Form

*Please complete all information requested below. Please type or print clearly.*

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: AK Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED FOR SUBMISSION WITH THE APPLICATION:

1. **Attach a short biography of the Nominee. (1 page maximum) Please be sure to include volunteer experience, interests and hobbies.**
2. **On the attached form, please submit two (2) letters of reference or recommendations from adults (these can include letters from past or current employers, school staff, program staff, clergy, or any others in the community that you feel are applicable).**

**Please answer the following questions below:**

3. **What obstacle(s) in your life has been the most challenging, and how did you overcome it/them? (Must be completed by the Nominee in at least two paragraphs.)**
4. **What have you personally done towards fulfilling the mission of the YWCA, which is to eliminate racism and empower women? (Must be completed by the nominee in at least two paragraphs.)**

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Eight (8) copies of the completed nomination packet, which includes this form, a biography, 2 letters of recommendation, and 2 narratives, five photographs, must be received at the YWCA Anchorage office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 12, 2010. Do not fax this application.

YWCA Anchorage – YPOA Selection Committee  
324 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501



## Young People of Achievement Letter of Recommendation

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known the Nominee? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the Nominee? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name, Position, and Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

As part of your reference for the above named Nominee, please include why you believe she/he should be a Young Person of Achievement. Include, if known, how she/he has overcome obstacles in her/his life and/or how she/he is personally working to eliminate racism and empower women. **Please limit your recommendation to no more than two paragraphs.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_