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City of Troy & SAFEbuilt Sponsor Youth Achievement Scholarship Award

(Troy, MI) – The City of Troy is hosting the 5th annual Youth Achievement Scholarship Award sponsored by SAFEbuilt, Inc. for all high school students residing in the City of Troy.

The Youth Achievement Awards will honor and recognize those youth who have made a significant impact on the Troy community through volunteer work and/or other special deeds and actions, and who demonstrate exceptional leadership and career/academic purpose. The Youth Achievement Awards will be for two categories:

1. One \$1000 scholarship awarded to a graduating high school senior
2. One \$500 scholarship awarded to a student in ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade.

SAFEbuilt's core values of service, teamwork, improvement, integrity and respect are very evident based on their performance within the City of Troy" Community Affairs Director Cindy Stewart said. "SAFEbuilt's involvement in this annual scholarship program shows their commitment to the communities they serve and it will be an honor to recognize some of our Troy teens who also work hard serving Troy."

"The two students who won last year, Curtis Hsu and Ellen Zhang, were excellent examples of our involved and dedicated teens who demonstrated exceptional leadership and career/academic purpose," Stewart added. Both Curtis and Ellen are finishing up their freshman year at Harvard.

“SAFEbuilt is proud to support the local youth and the City of Troy by offering this scholarship opportunity,” SAFEbuilt Building Official Paul Featherston said.

The attached application must be fully completed to apply for either of these two awards.

Award winners will be recognized at a June or July Troy City Council Meeting.

Applications can also be found online at

<http://www.troymi.gov/Portals/0/Files/SAFEbuiltScholarship2016.pdf>

Students must submit the application form by Monday, May 16 at 4 pm to the City of Troy Community Affairs Department, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084. If you have questions, please call 248.524.1147.

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City of Troy
Sponsored by SAFEbuilt
Youth Achievement Awards
Application Form for 2016 Award Year

Please TYPE your answers to the following questions. Submit this application form to the City of Troy Community Affairs Department, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084. If you have questions, please call 248.524.1147.

Applications must be received by the City no later than May 16, 2016 at 4 pm.
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Purpose:

The Youth Achievement Awards are intended to honor and recognize those youth that live in the City of Troy and who have made a significant impact on the Troy community through volunteer work or other special deeds and actions and who demonstrate exceptional leadership and career/academic purpose. Funds for these awards have been contributed by the City of Troy/SAFEbuilt Inc.

Awards:

The Youth Achievement Awards are awarded in two different categories:

3. One \$1000 scholarship awarded to a graduating high school senior.
4. One \$500 scholarship awarded to a student in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade.

The attached application must be fully completed to apply for either of these two awards. Award winners will be recognized at a reception at the City of Troy City Council during a meeting to be held in June, July or August of 2016. The awards will be presented to the recipients at this reception and award recipients are expected to attend the presentation unless unforeseeable events will prevent attendance. In the event that no qualified applications are received for a category of award, no awards will be conferred in 2016 and the Selection Committee reserves the right not to grant awards for any reason.

Eligibility:

Competition for these awards is open to any student who meets the following requirements:

1. The applicant's legal residence is located in the City of Troy at the time of application and at the time of presentation of award.
2. The applicant must be a student enrolled in a program for compulsory education recognized by the State of Michigan.
3. The applicant has made a significant impact on or contribution to the City of Troy and/or its residents.
4. The applicant's qualifying project or the performance of qualifying deeds or actions identified in the application were conducted within 24 months prior to the date that the application is received.
5. The City of Troy has received all required application materials including adult recommendations and school transcripts by 4 pm on Monday, May 16, 2016.

Basis of Selection:

The awards will be conferred by the Selection Committee based upon the Committee's determination that the applicant best satisfies the following criteria:

1. The applicant has made a significant and values contribution to the City of Troy and/or its residents through a project, special deed, or action.
2. The applicant demonstrates the potential to become a leader in his or her future career, in civic and community affairs, or, preferably, in both.
3. The applicant exhibits strength of character, emotional maturity, integrity, and stability.

Selection Process

1. The Selection Committee will be comprised of:
 - a. A member of Troy Youth Assistance Board.
 - b. Executive Director of the Troy Community Coalition or designee.
 - c. Community Affairs Director for the City of Troy.
 - d. Representative of SAFEbuilt.
 - e. Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Troy or designee.
2. The selection process will commence within two weeks after the application deadline of May 16, 2016.
3. The selected recipients of the awards will be announced early June, 2016, and will be presented with their award at a City Council meeting to be held in June, July or August, 2016.
4. Selection will be made entirely upon the content of the application. Applicants must refrain from contacting members of the Selection Committee concerning their application.

Application Procedure:

To complete the application the applicant should:

1. Fully answer each page of the attached application and submit it to the Troy Community Affairs Department by 4 pm on Monday, May 16, 2016.
2. Write an essay of no more than 500 words describing, in detail, how you (the applicant) had a positive impact on your community.
3. Have a copy of your school transcript (grades) and the attached recommendation form mailed directly to the Community Affairs Department by May 16, 2016.

Applications and supporting materials may be obtained form and should be mailed to:

City of Troy Community Affairs Department
500 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48084

For further information, call the City of Troy at 248.524.1147 or email at cindy.stewart@troymi.gov.

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
4 pm on Monday, May 16, 2016
Section 1**

Student's Information

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Age: _____ Gender (circle one): Male Female

Address: _____

Primary Phone Number: () _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Date of Entrance: / /

Father's Information (or Legal Guardian)

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Mother's Information (or Legal Guardian)

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

List names and ages of brothers and sisters:

Name

Age

Dates that you have lived in Troy From: _____ - _____

Section 4

1. Please write an essay of no more than 500 words describing in detail how you (or your actions) have had a positive impact on the City of Troy. Be sure to include how you became involved in this project and how this project has affected you.
2. You must contact your school and request that your school mail a copy of your transcript (grades) to the City of Troy Community Affairs Department, 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48084
3. After putting your name on the recommendation form, detach it and give it to an adult neighbor, friend, or teacher who can speak to your character and community involvement. Be sure to provide direction to the adult providing them with a stamped envelope to return the recommendation form to the City.
4. Please provide the name of the organization for which you performed the project discussed in the essay as well as the contact number.

Name of organization

Phone Number

I hereby state that the information above is true and correct. If requested, I will make myself available for an interview with the Youth Achievement Awards Selection Committee. I hereby give my permission to the City of Troy to share the information provided in this application and to use photographs of me taken during the award ceremony with the media and on the City's Website for publicity purposes.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Troy Youth Achievement Awards

Adult Recommendation Form

(This form is to be completed by an adult that you know who can speak to your character and community involvement)

Applicant's Name: _____

Relationship to the applicant: _____

Please rate the applicant in the following areas by circling the description that fits the applicant best:

1. Motivation

Extremely Poor Poor Average Good Excellent

2. Leadership

Extremely Poor Poor Average Good Excellent

3. Emotional Control

Extremely Poor Poor Average Good Excellent

4. Purpose

Extremely Poor Poor Average Good Excellent

5. Character

Extremely Poor Poor Average Good Excellent

6. How well would you rate the applicant's potential for future success as compared to other youth that you know.

Extremely Poor Poor Average Good Excellent

Please provide a letter of recommendation or add comments here for the applicant. The recommendation should speak to the student's character and community involvement.

Additional Comments

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number / E-mail Address: _____

If you wish to give a more complete statement as to the applicant's community contribution, please do soon a separate sheet of paper. All information will be kept confidential. Thank you for completing this form.

Upon completion please mail this form (or drop off) to: City of Troy Community Affairs Department, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084. Must be received by 4 pm on Monday, May 16, 2016