



2018 Spirit of Youth Award Nomination

Each year, the Spirit of Youth Award is given by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) to recognize and celebrate a young adult who overcame personal obstacles in his/her life, but is now making significant contributions to society.

This award provides CJJ and the public with an important opportunity to learn from a young person's first-hand life experiences such as how juvenile justice professionals and systems can most effectively be of help. Important questions are raised: What worked? What could have been done better? What enabled this young person to overcome obstacles and make such big changes in his or her life?

The award recipient must be:

- 28 years old or younger
- A person who was an adjudicated delinquent and/or formally involved in the juvenile justice system
- Currently involved, directly or indirectly, in bettering the lives of youth

Past recipients include:

1999: Derrick Bedford (CA)

2000: Corey Kean (PA)

2001: Shelley Atkins (NV)

2002: T. Nicole Wright (IL)

2003: Rita Naranjo (CA)

2004: Jeremy Estrada (CA)

2005: Antoine Perry (CA)

2006: Marvin Gumba (VA)

2007: Keanalu Chartrand (HI)

2008: Lance Garner (HI)

2009: Micheal M. Cox (NC)

2010: Brandon McMillian (DC)

2011: Andrew Peterman (ID)

2012: Jabriera Shakira Handy (MD)

2013: Hernan Carvente (NY)

2014: Marquis Parker (DC)

2015: Raul Barreto (CA)

2016: Sang Dao (OR)

2017: Dalton Gordon (KY)



Nomination Instructions

Please read through the following information fully before completing the online nomination form.

Nominations are scored based on the answers provided in the Questions Section. Please be clear and concise in your writing. The quality of the responses can affect how nomination submissions are viewed.

All questions must be answered for a nomination to be scored. The Nomination Checklist is provided (below) for your convenience. Please be sure to have all of the following information ready when you complete the online nomination form. Following this page is an example of what will be asked in the online nomination form. **Paper nominations will not be accepted.**

Nomination Checklist

- Nominee/Nominator Contact Information Fields
- Nominee Narrative Questions
- Optional Supporting Documents – You may attach up to two (2) supporting documents to your application. Please see the list of appropriate materials provided at the end of this form. These will not be scored, but will be considered as part over the overall evaluation process.
- Review carefully before submitting. All fields must be completed for a submission to be considered.

Online Nomination Form

Please complete your nomination using the following link:

<http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/3312714/2017-CJJ-Annual-Conference-Awards-Nomination-Form>

Deadline for Submissions

Nominations are due to CJJ by **Friday, February 23, 2018, at 11:59 PM ET**

Questions

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