



2019 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)

2018: Amanda Clifford (CA)



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.surveygizmo.com/s3/3312714/2019-CJJ-Annual-Conference-Awards-Nomination-Form>

Deadline for Submissions

Nominations are due to CJJ by **Friday, March 8, 2019, at 11:59 PM ET**

Questions

Contact Laura, CJJ Policy and Field Relations Associate, at armstrong@juvjustice.org.



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Nominee Information

Salutation:

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Organization:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Does your Nominee know he/she is being nominated? Yes No Unsure

Is your Nominee currently enrolled as a student? Yes No Unsure

Nominator Information

Full Name:

Title:

Organization:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip:

E-mail:

Phone:

How long have you known the Nominee?

In what capacity do you know the Nominee?



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Questions Section

The Spirit of Youth Award celebrates a young adult who, by overcoming personal obstacles and serving his or her community, exemplifies the importance of the rehabilitative focus of the juvenile justice system as well as the power of personal achievement.

Please answer the following four (4) questions. Responses are capped at 2,500 characters. Additional text cannot be accepted as part of the application.

1. How has the nominee transformed his or her life in a positive way?
2. What were the obstacles this person overcame?
3. What contributions has this person made in his or her community?
4. Why are you recommending this person for the Spirit of Youth Award?



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Optional Supporting Documents

You may include up to two (2) of the following types of attachments to illustrate your nomination information. These will not be scored, but will be given to the review committee as materials to reinforce the narrative portion of your nomination. Whenever possible, please submit in PDF format.

Examples of potential supporting documents include, but are not limited to:

- Press release
- News report
- Brochure
- Fact sheet
- Current resume of nominee
- Personal/Professional Letters of Support