McLean Citizens Association (MCA)
OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AWARD FOR TEENAGERS

PURPOSE:

To recognize and show appreciation for teenagers who have contributed significantly to the welfare of a family or community member and to inspire other teens to demonstrate exemplary behavior toward families and neighbors.

ELIGIBILITY:

Who Teenagers aged 13 to 19 who have demonstrated exemplary behavior during the past year, as evidenced by meeting the criteria described below.

Time Period April 2022 through March 2023.

Residence Has resided in an area served by the McLean Citizens Association (MCA Area Map) to include:

- McLean ZIP codes 22101 or 22102, **OR**
- Falls Church ZIP codes 22043 or 22046 located south of Route 7, not to include Falls Church City, **OR**
- Neighborhoods within the Great Falls 22066 or Vienna 22182 ZIP codes which feed into McLean or Langley High School.

CRITERIA:

The teenager is eligible for an award based on one or two activities that have been performed in the Greater Washington D.C. metropolitan area, and which together:

- Occurred on a continuing basis at least 10 times and for not less than 30 hours.
- Are initiated by the teenager, and not initiated by someone else.
- Are voluntary in nature.
- Provide no financial compensation.
- Do not include participation in a performing arts activity.
- Do not involve a religious affiliation.
- Are not school-related.
- Do not constitute an unpaid internship.
- Must contribute significantly to the welfare of a family or community member.

In addition, the teenager:

- Must be present, unless other arrangements have been made with the Committee, to receive the award on McLean Day, Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 3 PM.
- Must not have been previously recognized or been given credit for these activities by the MCA or any other organization (such as school, church group, Rotary, Girl or Boy Scouts, National Honor Society, Key or Keyettes Club).
- Must have demonstrated one or more of the following values: caring, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, respect, citizenship.
- Must not have exhibited significant negative behavior (e.g., speeding tickets, vandalism during past year).

PROCEDURE:

1. Complete the application, which includes written information from two nominators. **BOTH** nominators must be 21 years of age or older; only one may be a family member, relative, or person living with the teenager. All forms must be filled in completely with separate narrative justifications. If the nominee is part of a group, the justification must be specific to the role of the nominee.
2. The **completed application and both nominations** must be received by COB **Friday, April 21, 2023.** Send application and nominations via email to Jim Beggs, Subject: MCA Outstanding Teen Character Award at e-y_committee@mcleancitizens.org

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*** Questions? Send to e-y_committee@mcleancitizens.org

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MCA
One Hundred Years and Counting

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APPLICATION
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NOMINEE GENERAL INFORMATION

Teen's first name: _____ Last name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____ Birth date: _____

School attended 2022- 2023: _____ Grade: _____

NOMINATORS

Name 1: _____ Relationship to teenager: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Name 2: _____ Relationship to teenager: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATIONS

EACH NOMINATOR needs to specifically describe (in APPROXIMATELY 250 words) in the narrative why the teenager should receive the award. **Based on the activity or two activities, EACH JUSTIFICATION** must explicitly include the following five items in the narrative:

1. Describe the activity/activities.
2. State how the teenager initiated and initially became involved in the activity/activities, including the nominee's individual contributions (if part of a group).
3. Explain the values the activity/activities demonstrate(s).
4. Specify the benefits incurred by the various parties involved in the activity/activities.
5. Fill in the activities timeline table.

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Describe the activity(ies):
Nominator 1

Nominator 2

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Nominator 1

Nominator 2

Explain the values the activity/activities demonstrate(s).
Nominator 1

Nominator 2

Specify the benefits incurred by the various parties involved in the activity(ies).

Nominator 1

Nominator 2

Activity(ies) timeline table	**Activity 1**	**Activity 2**
Name of activity (e.g., Candy Striper, Lift Me Up)		
Time Period for each activity (e.g., from 4-6 PM)		
Duration, (e.g., from May 2022-April 2023)		
Frequency (e.g., once/week)		

Please fill-in the Date field before signing. If signing digitally, the second signer will be given the option to lock the form to prevent further updates.

Signature Nominator 1: _____ Date: _____

Signature Nominator 2: _____ Date: _____

Please attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, for each narrative justification.

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND BOTH NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY COB FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023.

Please submit via e-mail to: e-y_committee@mcleancitizens.org.

To: Jim Beggs
Subject Line: Outstanding Teen Character Award

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