

Ryan Clark Community Service Award

On April 16, 2007, the world learned the name of Ryan Clark for one heroic, selfless act on the campus of Virginia Tech. With this award, Ryan's hometown community honors all the selfless acts that were part of Ryan's character. The 2002 Lakeside High School graduate was a campus leader and volunteered for many organizations. He sorted items at Golden Harvest Food Bank, served food to the homeless at the Master's Table, tutored children at Communities in Schools of Augusta/Richmond County, volunteered with Virginia Tech YMCA during Thanksgiving 2004 to help clean up after Hurricane Katrina through Circle K, a Kiwanis organization, and served as a counselor at Camp Big Heart, a camp for youth with special needs. Volunteering his time to help people was a core value of the young man known as "Stack" by fellow members of the Virginia Tech marching band. Since Ryan was to graduate in May with a triple major in biology, English and psychology, we have chosen that time to give out the award in his name.

The intent of this award is to honor Ryan Clark for his contribution to the community by promoting volunteerism among young people and continuing his legacy of service.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Nominees for the Ryan Clark Community Service Award must be ages 14 to 19 and enrolled in high school in Columbia or Richmond Counties. Home school students are eligible to apply.
- The application and reference forms must be postmarked by **April 1, 2022**. Please email to Dylan Huynh at dhuynh@connectcolumbia.org. Required materials include nomination form, application cover sheet, application, and essay. All forms should be scanned in on one file and emailed together.
- The Selection Committee will review only completed applications submitted by the deadline. **All applications should be typed. No handwritten essays.** A word version of the application is available on line at www.cccc4kids.org or email dhuynh@connectcolumbia.org if you have trouble downloading it.
- **In 2021, the winner received \$2,000 and finalists received \$1,000 and \$500.** All applicants and their families are invited to the reception and ceremony, which will be held in May. A determination will be made closer to the event if it will be held in person or virtually. This is the 14th year the scholarship is to be awarded.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All nominees' applications shall be reviewed by the Ryan Clark Community Service Award Selection Committee, which is comprised of individuals from both Richmond and Columbia counties. The decision of the committee will be considered final.

The Committee shall look for individuals:

- with a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve the community
- with high moral character
- with a history of service to their school, neighborhood or community
- with demonstrated leadership qualities

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Columbia County Community Connections is working with Ryan Clark's family on this award. Contact Dylan Huynh dhuynh@connectcolumbia.org or 706.650.5010 for more information.

APPLICANT INFORMATION COVER SHEET

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/Zipcode:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S):

PHONE: Home

Work

Cell

EMAIL:

HIGH SCHOOL:

REFERENCES:

PLEASE GIVE THE NAME OF ONE PERSON WHO KNOWS THE NOMINEE ON A PERSONAL BASIS AND THE NAME OF A PERSON WHO KNOWS THE NOMINEE WITHIN THE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY.

PLEASE INCLUDE PHONE NUMBERS OF REFERENCES.

PERSONAL REFERENCE: _____

PHONE: _____

VOLUNTEER REFERENCE: _____

PHONE: _____

You should email this form, the completed application, essay and nomination form to dhuynh@connectcolumbia.org by the deadline of Friday April 1, 2022. If you have any questions, call 706-650-5010.

Application

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Describe a time when your actions positively impacted a person, your school or neighborhood.

If you could change anything about your school or community, what would it be and why?

How have you been a role model for your community or school?

If you could spend a day with someone you consider a leader, who would you choose and why? (hint: pick someone you know, not a world leader)

Describe a special gift or talent you have used to better your community or school.

What do you believe is the role and responsibility of a student leader?

NOMINATION FORM

THE CSRA COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO REWARD EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION AND EXCELLENCE IN VOLUNTEERISM AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE OF HIGH SCHOOL AGE IN HONOR OF RYAN CLARK, WHO EXEMPLIFIED THE VIRGINIA TECH MOTTO – UT PROSIM – THAT I MAY SERVE.

THIS FORM IS TO BE FILLED OUT BY AN ADULT WHO HAS WORKED WITH THE STUDENT NOMINEE IN A VOLUNTEER CAPACITY.

NOMINEE: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

PHONE : _____ EMAIL : _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE PERFORMED AND ESTIMATED HOURS DONATED ANNUALLY:

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INITIATIVE DISPLAYED AND HOW THE NOMINEE PERFORMED ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT WAS REQUIRED:

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE WORK DONE BY THE NOMINEE POSITIVELY IMPACTED THE LIVES OF OTHERS:

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT MAKES THIS NOMINEE UNIQUE:

This Nomination Form must be turned in with the completed application. Send to dhuynh@connectcolumbia.org . Please make sure that the applicant's name is on the file. Deadline to submit nomination form is Friday April 1, 2022.