

### What are the Outstanding Youth Achievement Awards?

- The Outstanding Youth Achievement Awards (OYAA) are a means of recognizing youth who are involved in their Yukon community in constructive and positive ways; bettering themselves, their community and others through their actions.

### Criteria:

- Nominees must be 15-20 years of age by April 1st of the nomination year.
- We are looking for youth who:
  - Act as leaders and good role models in their communities
  - Volunteer their time to help others
  - Do work which benefits and helps to create positive change within a Yukon community
  - Take initiative

These awards are for outstanding Yukon youth. The term 'outstanding' is very broad. In evaluating the nominations, more emphasis will be placed on recognizing youth who are involved in their communities in constructive ways. This might mean volunteering their time, fundraising, helping seniors and elders, etc. Keep in mind this does not mean that only youth who actively pursue such initiatives are eligible; many people create positive change indirectly as a result of being themselves and following their passion.

### Nomination process:

- The nomination period is from January 1 to June 1.
- To nominate an individual, please fill out a **nomination form**! Forms are available on our **website** at: [www.youth.gov.yk.ca](http://www.youth.gov.yk.ca). Completed forms can be emailed to [gord.kurzynski@gov.yk.ca](mailto:gord.kurzynski@gov.yk.ca) or faxed to the Youth Directorate at 867-393-6341.

### Selection Process:

- The Youth Directorate staff will choose award recipients. Ideally, two spots are allotted for rural community youth and two spots are allocated for Whitehorse residents. Depending on the nominations, variations to this may be considered.
- Only the chosen recipients of an award will be contacted. However, we are proud of all nominees for their hard work and dedication.

### Recognition:

Each recipient will:

- Receive a cheque for **\$250**, along with a unique **OYAA poster** featuring his or her photo and accomplishment bio. These posters will be distributed throughout Yukon communities. A photo-shoot for each recipient will be held in their respective communities to get just the right shot for that poster!
- Receive a **Certificate of Recognition** from the Commissioner's Office. This certificate will be presented by the Commissioner in conjunction with the financial payment, or can be awarded at one of the Commissioner's signature events, in the recipient's community, or at another occasion of their choosing.
- Be featured on the Youth Directory website, and a Government of Yukon news release.

**The OYAA are sponsored by the Youth Directorate in partnership with the Office of the Commissioner**

**Please help us recognize youth who are making a difference in Yukon.**

Please be sure to have read the OYAA guidelines on our website: [www.youth.gov.yk.ca](http://www.youth.gov.yk.ca)

Nomination forms can be EMAILED to [gord.kurzynski@gov.yk.ca](mailto:gord.kurzynski@gov.yk.ca) or FAXED to the Youth Directorate at 867-393-6341.  
Feel free to use additional pages if needed.

If you have any questions or need to contact us, call the Youth Directorate at 667-8213 or  
1-800-661-0408 (local 8213).

1. Your name, phone number, and e-mail:

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2. Name of outstanding young person:

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3. Age of nominee as of April 1st of nomination year - must be 15-20 years of age:

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4. Community of nominee:

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5. Phone number and e-mail of nominee:

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6. How and when has the nominee made positive impacts to their community or other Yukon communities?  
(Volunteer work, community involvement, teamwork)

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7. Why is this person a good role model?  
(Personal achievements, behaviour, attitude)

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