

CITY OF OLATHE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
In Partnership with the
POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM
Thursday, May 26, 2011 6:00 pm -7:30 pm
(Reception 5:30-6:00pm)
City Council Chambers

PURPOSE:

To publicly recognize those members and entities of our community who have been actively involved in improving cultural diversity and advocacy of human relations, which benefit Olathe citizens.

THEME:

The theme of this year's program is **Diversity Makes the Difference**

ELIGIBILITY:

Persons living in the City of Olathe, working in the City of Olathe or living or working elsewhere, who have contributed to the promotion of human rights to the benefit of citizens of Olathe are eligible. Current members of the Olathe Human Relations Commission, Olathe Police Advisory Board and support staff are not eligible. Current members of the Olathe Human Relations Commission and Olathe Police Advisory Board are discouraged from 'receiving recognition' for organizations or businesses to which they belong or on behalf of individuals.

ACHIEVEMENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SCOPE/RESULTS & NOMINEE ATTRIBUTES

Utilizing a 100 point rating system

NOTE ON BACKGROUND CHECKS:

The commission does not conduct background investigations, but instead, relies on the good faith of those who nominate these individuals and groups.

CATEGORIES AND TYPES OF RECOGNITION:

The Human Relations Commission formally recognizes individuals and entities in public, private and civic/volunteer enterprises. The following illustrates the categories that a person or entity could be nominated in:

Olathe Human Relations Commission Humanitarian Award

This award honors individual(s) who have demonstrated unselfish, extraordinary concern for others while promoting harmony, understanding and good human relations; have demonstrated a level of commitment that is dependable, consistent and people-oriented; have a positive effect on others; and whose contributions may be overshadowed because of genuine humility.

Commission/Organization Award

This award is given to a commission or organization that provides training, orientation and workshops about equal opportunities; provides activities and programs, which cultivate positive human relations; meets on a regularly scheduled basis and is actively involved in the problems of the community.

Educator Award

This award is given to an educator who is involved in at least one worthy human relations activity during the school year; promotes better human relations throughout the school system; and exemplifies positive attitudes toward improving human relations.

Youth Award

This award is given to a student who must be 19 years of age or younger and attends an Olathe public or private school or is home schooled and has resided in Johnson County for at least one year prior to the nomination. The student must have provided outstanding human relations service to the community in areas such as serving in their church, at a nursing home and/or for an individual, such as tutoring or assisting the elderly.

Olathe Human Relations Commission Chairman's Award

This award is given to an individual who exhibits constructive concern for oppressed people; is active in community/civic affairs; promotes community and human betterment; has been involved in at least one activity worthy of human relations recognition; and exemplifies positive attitudes toward improving human relations.

Police Services Award

This award is presented to a sworn officer upon commission of meritorious and valuable police service that demonstrated outstanding devotion to duty or unusual valor.

Emergency Services Award

The contributions of those who manage and provide emergency services to the Olathe community are recognized for their dedicated participation and exemplary efforts in preventing, responding to or recovery from emergency situations.

GO TO: WWW.Olatheks.org/HR/HumanRelations to complete an online application.

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2011 NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete this form and be as concise as possible. Only the information provided on this form will be reviewed and should be returned by **NOON on Friday May 20, 2011**. This nomination form may be received by mail, fax or email. Additional nomination forms may be obtained from our Website @ www.olatheks.org.

MAILING ADDRESS:

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Office of Human Relations
PO Box 768
Olathe, Ks 66061-0768

FAX: 913-971-6277

Attention: OHRC Award Recognition Program
(913)971-6493

EMAIL:

Subject: OHRC Recognition Program
victorgg@olatheks.org

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APPLICANT CRITERIA

A. Nominee/nominees' achievement/accomplishments- Maximum **40 points**

Nominee/nominees' achievements and/or accomplishments should exemplify meritorious service in the pursuit of cultural diversity and advocacy of human rights, which benefit the citizens of Olathe. Achievements/accomplishments should be verifiable as follows: Fact based on specific events, conclusive or continuous such as a single event or ongoing endeavor.

B. Scope/Results- Maximum **40 points**

Impact of scope of nominee/nominees' action for which recognition is considered should have notable impact and address the following: area of influence such as neighborhood, community, regional, national, etc. Results of the action or event: the benefit to citizens of the City of Olathe.

C. Nominee Attributes- Maximum **20 points**

Please list other personal attributes of the nominee/nominees that give insight to the total person/persons such as: Leadership and community involvement (Ability to lead an effort to address a particular issue, which leads to enhanced understanding of the diverse community in which we live and work); Initiative (Self motivation and ability to bring projects to completion), Resourcefulness (Demonstrates ability to 'get the job done'), Humanitarianism (Overall character of nominee in regards to outreach).

Please provide additional comments related to the recognition nomination.

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INFORMATION ON NOMINEE

NAME: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

HOME: _____

WORK: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please check the category for which you are nominating this person-can be one or more.

_____ **Olathe Human Relations Commission Humanitarian Award**

_____ **Commission/Organization Award**

_____ **Educator Award**

_____ **Youth Award (19 or under)**

_____ **Olathe Human Relations Commission Chairman's Award**

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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WORK: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____