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February 3, 2022

Dear Community Leader,

Orion Area Youth Assistance (OAYA) is seeking nominations for youth for our 29th Annual Youth Recognition Awards. At this time, due to COVID-19, we are unable to make a final decision as to whether our award ceremony will be in-person or recorded at Orion Neighborhood Television for viewing on our Facebook page. Details regarding the award ceremony will be communicated as soon as they are available. We do know that we want to recognize students as we continue to navigate these difficult times.

We have two recognition categories that students can be nominated for. **The Personal Achievement Award** is for youth that have demonstrated a dramatic positive change in attitude or behavior, overcome a significant obstacle (health, family situation, etc.), or have made a strong, positive academic turnaround.

For the **Community Service Award**, we are seeking youth (or you may nominate a group of youth for a group award) who have a passion for volunteering and have exceeded your expectations in volunteering at school, church, or community organizations. Examples include assisting seniors or persons with disabilities, working with younger students who need support, and leading or organizing extracurricular activities or community events. **Hours counted toward the LOHS community service graduation requirement or other community organization service requirements are not eligible. That being said, a student who goes above and beyond required number of hours is certainly a worthy candidate.**

Please see the attached **2022 Youth Recognition Nominating Form**. Return the completed form to Orion Area Youth Assistance, CERC Building, 455 E. Scripps Rd, Lake Orion, MI 48360. Forms may also be sent by e-mail to [oaya@lok12.org](mailto:oaya@lok12.org) or faxed to 248-693-1494. Our deadline for nominations is **Friday, March 11, 2022**. Also, if you have any **photos** of your nominee hard at work, please feel free to forward those as well; we would like to incorporate them into our presentation that evening.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Gdowski*

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