

Dear Nominator:

The Ray of Light Award recognizes the accomplishments of young women from local high schools for their accomplishments in the following four categories:

- **Academic/Civic Achievement:** maintain academic excellence while providing service within her community
- **Personal Achievement:** Ability to balance school, family, and employment while overcoming a life changing obstacle
- **Sports Achievement:** Demonstrates excellence in sports or individual athletic achievement
- **Arts Achievement:** Demonstrates achievement / excellence in on of the following arts: visual, performing, folk, traditional, literary, design, film, or media

While awards will only be given to one young woman from each category, all nominees will be uniquely recognized with honor at a special reception.

Please review the criteria and answer all the questions as accurately as possible in the allotted space. Completing this form in detail optimizes your nominee’s chance of receiving the award. Someone other than the nominee should complete the application.

Criteria

- ❖ Are between the age of 14 and 18, in high school, and are active in their community
- ❖ Demonstrate sustained excellence and creativity and make significant contributions in their school and community
- ❖ Demonstrate qualities of teamwork and initiative
- ❖ Promote positive attitudes and high morals in their endeavors
- ❖ Provide assistance in helping others achieve and demonstrate qualities which encourages others to view them as a role model

How to Nominate

- Choose a category from those listed above.
- Complete all areas of the nomination form including filling in all requested information and writing a summary on your nominee
- For each nominee, please return the completed application to:

**YWCA Ray of Light
385 Franklin St.
Buffalo, NY 14202
Attn: Jenn West
Contact #: (716) 332.3633 x302**

OR

**Fill out application online at www.ywca-wny.org and fax to (716) 332-3655
*NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1ST, 2008***

2008 Ray of Light Awards Application Form

Nominee Information

Name Of Nominee	Last Name (please print)	First Name	Middle Name	Award Category
Permanent Address	Number/Street	City	State/Zip	Phone
School Attending				
School Address	Phone Number	Fax Number	Email	Current Grade Level

Nominator Information

Nominated by: <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Organization				
Name Of Nominator	Last Name (please print)	First Name	Middle Name	Representative
Permanent Address	Number/Street	City	State/Zip	Position/Title
Phone Number	Fax Number	Email	Signature	

Personal Statement

Please write a summary (200-600 words) focusing on one of the four categories from the first page, demonstrating why your nominee should receive the Ray of Light Youth Award. Include the following in your response (as applicable):

- How does she exemplify leadership, initiative, and creativity?
- How does she promote positive attitudes and high morale among her peers?
- How does she encourage other young women to achieve their personal best?
- Has she overcome a personal challenge that is viewed as inspiring and worthy of recognition?

*Make sure to submit the summary, on a separate sheet of paper, along with the application. If you are submitting electronically next page is the Personal Statement.

“Invest in Your Future”

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1ST, 2008

Personal Statement