

Guidelines for YouthLINC Utah's Young Humanitarian Award Applicants
This Scholarship Award is provided by Chase, Deseret Morning News and XMission

ALL APPLICANTS: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, SIGN, AND DATE.

APPLICANTS UNDER 18: A PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED.

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR APPLICATION AND KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

1. Purpose of the Award: The YouthLINC (Youth serving the Local and International Needs Community) **Young Humanitarian Award** will recognize Utah residents who are high school and/or undergraduate college or university students and who excel in their efforts to give back to their communities.

2. Funding: The overall winner of the **YouthLINC Young Humanitarian Award** will receive a **\$5000** award to be used for tuition for either undergraduate or graduate studies at the college or university of the student's choice. Four runners-up will receive **\$1000** awards to be used for the same purpose. **Chase, Deseret Morning News, and XMission** are providing these funds, as well as providing the funds for the promotion of this award.

3. Definition of Service: For the purpose of this award, service is defined as **unpaid volunteer efforts which contribute to the well being of needy individuals or communities**. Such service is motivated primarily by **selfless intent and desire to help others**. Though there is value in brief service efforts with many different needy populations, **sustained and focused service efforts** will be considered more meaningful.

4. Selection Process:

- All applications must be **received**, *not postmarked*, by **Saturday, March 7, 2009**. No late applications can be considered and no part of the application can be returned.
- Applications can be acquired from school scholarship counselors or on the YouthLINC website www.youthlinc.org
- A Scholarship Award Committee made up of Utah community leaders in the fields of education, business, politics, law, and community service will review the applications.
- The ten top applicants will be notified by **Saturday, March 20, 2009** and will be asked to come to a Scholarship Award Committee interview in Salt Lake City, taking place on **Saturday, March 28, 2009** from 9AM-1PM.
- All applicants should be sure they will be available for this possible interview on Saturday, March 28, 2009. If the applicant is not available for the interview, *he or she can not be considered for the Award and another candidate will be selected*.
- The Scholarship Award Committee will select the top five applicants on this date.
- The overall winner of the \$5000 scholarship will be announced at the April 18, 2009 Annual YouthLINC Benefit held at the Salt Palace Grand Ballroom in Salt Lake City. The five finalists are required to be in attendance, and their parents are invited as our guests.

5. Criteria for Awarding Scholarships:

- Applicants must be *residents of Utah, US citizens, and students in Utah high schools or enrolled in undergraduate college or university programs in the state of Utah*. Certified transcripts are requested *only* as proof of enrollment. The **YouthLINC Young Humanitarian Award** rewards service, not Grade Point Average (GPA).
- The application for the **YouthLINC Young Humanitarian Award** must be complete, must follow all requirements as outlined, and all components of the application must be received, **not postmarked**, by the deadline. *E-mailed or faxed applications, or any components of the application, will not be accepted.*

- Applicants will be judged on quality of essays and letters of recommendation and, above all, on evidence of sustained, focused service efforts on behalf of genuinely needy individuals or communities.

6. Publicity:

- The top five finalists for the **YouthLINC Young Humanitarian Award** will be featured in a slideshow or video presentation at the YouthLINC Annual Benefit. Finalists must make themselves available for prior photography, videotaping of interviews, and assist in arranging interviews with service colleagues, supervisors, or other individuals of interest to the feature on the student.
- The top five finalists may also be featured in news stories on local television stations and in newspaper articles. Any information included by participants or recommenders of participants in this application may be used in press releases.
- All applicants must be willing to be featured in any related television or newspaper coverage.
- The overall winner of the \$5000 scholarship will be announced on April 18, 2009 at the Annual YouthLINC Annual Benefit held at the Salt Palace Grand Ballroom in Salt Lake City. The five finalists are required to be in attendance, and their parents are invited as our guests. There will be press coverage of this event.

7. Award Distribution:

- Checks for the \$5000 and \$1000 scholarships will be written to the college or university of the award recipient's choice. Checks will not be written to the student.
- Award recipients must supply YouthLINC with the name and contact information of the appropriate person at their chosen college or university as soon as possible and no later than three months after receipt of the award. Failure to do so may result in a retraction of award monies.
- A letter will be written to the college or university explaining the award and explaining that if money remains when the student is no longer attending the institution, no refund of any kind can be made to the student. Students who receive the **YouthLINC Young Humanitarian Award** agree to request no refund of award money should they leave the educational institution.
- Scholarship monies must be used by the recipient for the purposes of a college education within three years of the award notification. YouthLINC does not agree to hold award monies for a recipient after three years.

***No family member of the **YouthLINC Young Humanitarian Award Selection Committee** is eligible to apply for this award.*

If applicants have any questions, please e-mail becky@youthlinc.org or call 801-635-8573.

*I have read, understand, and agree to all conditions in **Guidelines for YouthLINC Young Humanitarian Award Applicants**.*

Applicant Name (printed): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date (m/d/y):** _____

If applicant is under 18, Parent Name (printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

I certify that all the statements I make and information I give in all components of this application are true.

Applicant Name (printed): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date (m/d/y):** _____

If applicant is under 18, Parent Name (printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Service Information: Please type on a separate sheet.

Please create a resume of your service activities by listing and describing all service activities you have participated in. Include service organizations you have been involved in, positions held, dates and lengths of service.

Essays:

Please answer each essay question in 500 words or less. Specific examples and clear expression are more important than length.

1. Select one of your service activities, describe a specific challenging experience, and discuss what you learned about service through that experience.
2. How would you define the difference between a volunteer and a humanitarian? Please do not use any dictionary definitions. Please use specific examples from your experience and explain why you feel you are a humanitarian, and how you became a humanitarian.

Recommendation Form for YouthLINC Young Humanitarian Applicants

Dear Recommender:

The student giving you this recommendation form is applying for a **\$5000** college scholarship that rewards young individuals who excel in giving back to their communities. This individual must be enrolled in a Utah high school, college, or university.

Only individuals who have actively supervised students in their service activities should complete this recommendation.

For the purposes of this award, we are using the following definition of service: unpaid volunteer efforts which contribute to the well being of genuinely needy individuals or communities, service motivated primarily by selfless intent and desire to help others. Though there is value in brief service efforts with many different needy populations, sustained and focused service efforts will be considered more meaningful.

Thank you very much for telling us what you know about this student that would qualify him or her as an outstanding young humanitarian. Please indicate how long you have known this student, in what capacity, and please give specific examples of actions you have seen this student undertake that are evidence of his or her service ethic and commitment.

Please type your recommendation on letterhead, if appropriate, seal your letter in an envelope with this form, and sign your name across the seal. Give your envelope to the student to mail in with his or her recommendation.

The deadline for receipt (not postmark) of all parts of all applications is March 7, 2009. No incomplete, late, faxed or e-mailed applications will be considered. We hope you have received this form in a timely manner and can assist the student in providing this recommendation as part of his or her application.

For more information about the award, please visit www.youthlinc.org

Applicant Name (please print): _____

Applicant's High School, College, or University: _____

Recommender Name (please print): _____

Title: _____

I supervised the applicant in the following service activity, club, or organization:

Recommender's Signature: _____ Date (m/d/y): _____