



Thank you for supporting the 2019 MyCom Youth Voice Awards!

Every child and young adult deserves to believe “you matter.” To believe who they are-matters, what they do-matters, what they think-matters, what they say-matters, and who they want to become-matters.

At MyCom, we BELIEVE every child and young adult was created to be SIGNIFICANT.

Each one of them MATTER.The MyCom Network is committed to igniting positive futures for youth of greater Cleveland by connecting them to quality school and community based services to help them become young adults that are able to navigate and give back to their communities as productive citizens.

Each year, the MyCom Youth Voice Awards gives members of our community an opportunity to nominate individuals and organizations who have made a significant, positive impact for children and young adults. Nominations are accepted in the categories of Community Service, Civic Involvement, Arts, Advocacy, Youth Engagement & Youth Employment. This year, we are also including a special award specific to our theme of *You Matter*.

This year, our 11th Annual MyCom Youth Voice Awards, will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at the Intercontinental Hotel Cleveland from 5pm to 7:30pm.

Our theme this year is *You Matter* and aligned to our belief every child and young adult was created to be SIGNIFICANT. Each one of them MATTER. Our awards will honor those who promote this concept and in their daily practice.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS:

Tuesday, September 10, 2019



MyCom Youth Voice Awards Nomination Guidelines

Awards will be given in the following categories:

Youth Awards: Two youth will be selected in each category with each category having one winner being a current MyCom youth and one winner being a MyCom alumni.

Youth Award Categories:

Community Service: a child or young adult who demonstrates a commitment to community service such as volunteering with an existing MyCom group or on their own time.

Civic Involvement: a child or young adult engaged within the greater community through civic leadership, activism and/or advocacy. Examples of action taken by nominees include, but are not limited to: involvement with their government at the local level or through their school, public campaigns, local marches, displaying advocacy through written op-eds or activism with family, community or legislators.

Arts: A child or young adult involved in the arts, including music, fine arts, theater, written or spoken word, and/or digital arts exhibiting leadership and/or innovation. Examples include, but are not limited to: mentoring younger youth in the arts, engaging younger youth in the arts, and/or public performances.

You Matter: A child or young adult who has demonstrated through their actions or words a strong commitment promoting the message of every child and/or young adult matter and are significant. Examples including, but are not limited to: speaking out against policies or actions by others that exclude others, promoting inclusion and diversity through their actions or words, and/or demonstrating that all children and young adults matter in our community.

Network Agency Awards: One agency will be selected from the nominations in each of the following categories:

Network Agency Categories:

Advocacy: An agency that has demonstrated a commitment to advocacy by engaging youth and/or parents in educating lawmakers about issues that impact children and young adults.

Youth Engagement: An agency actively and authentically engaging youth in decision making about

youth programming, community activities for children and young adults and/or community planning.

Youth Employment: An agency who demonstrates commitment to preparing youth for employment by providing a worksite, internship opportunities, career exploration and/or job training.

A Nominations Committee will select winners from each category, and awards will be presented at the MyCom Youth Voice Awards to be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 5:00pm-7:30pm at the Intercontinental Hotel Cleveland. Nominate as many people or organizations you would like to.

*** 1. Name and Contact Information of Person Making the Nomination(s):**

Name:

**Connection to
Nominee(s):**

Your Email Address:

Your Phone Number:



MyCom Youth Voice Award Listing

2. Are you nominating a youth or a network agency?

- Youth
- Network Agency



Youth Category Selection

Requirements:

Any child or young adult who is nominated for an award must be between the ages of 6 and 24, a resident of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and has demonstrated at least one of the following: courage in speaking out, kindness, leadership, connecting others to positive opportunities, and/or community service.

3. Which of the youth award categories would you like to nominate a child or young adult?

Community Service

Civic Involvement

Arts

You Matter



Youth Nominee: Community Service

Friendly Reminder

Two youth will be selected in each category with each category having one winner being a current MyCom youth and one winner being a MyCom alumni.

Community Service nominees are a child or young adult who demonstrates a commitment to community service such as volunteering with an existing MyCom group or on their own time with a group in the community.

* 4. Name of Child or Young Adult Nominee

Name:

Age:

School (If Applicable):

Neighborhood They
Reside:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

5. In 30 words or less: Why are you nominating this child or young adult for a MyCom Youth Voice Award in Community Service?

6. In 250 words or less, explain why your nominee demonstrates a commitment to community service. You might describe a specific action taken, or a pattern of involvement in their community and service efforts.

* 7. Complete this information about the parent and/or caregiver of your nominee if your nominee is under the age of 18:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

8. The affiliation that the youth has with MyCom (check any/all that apply):

- Youth Council Member
- Resident of a MyCom Neighborhood
- Participates in a MyCom Program (afterschool, kindergarten club, etc.)
- Participates in Y.O.U. employment program
- Neighborhood mobilization team
- MyCom Alumni
- Other (please specify)

9. Submit Your Nomination-Click Yes.

Yes



Youth Nominee: Civic Involvement

Friendly Reminder

Two youth will be selected in each category with each category having one winner being a current MyCom youth and one winner being a MyCom alumni.

Civic Involvement nominees are any child or young adult engaged within the greater community through civic leadership, activism and/or advocacy. Examples of action taken by nominees include, but are not limited to: involvement with their government at the local level or through their school, public campaigns, local marches, displaying advocacy through written op-eds or activism with family, community or legislators.

* 10. Name of Child or Young Adult Nominee

Name:

Age:

School (If Applicable):

Neighborhood They Reside:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

11. In 30 words or less: Why are you nominating this child or young adult for a MyCom Youth Voice Award in Civic Involvement?

12. In 250 words or less, explain why your nominee demonstrates a commitment to civic involvement. You might describe a specific action taken or a pattern of civic engagement.

* 13. Complete this information about the parent and/or caregiver of your nominee if your nominee is under the age of 18:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

14. The affiliation that the youth has with MyCom (check any/all that apply):

- Youth Council Member
- Resident of a MyCom Neighborhood
- Participates in a MyCom Program (afterschool, kindergarten club, etc.)
- Participates in Y.O.U. employment program
- Neighborhood mobilization team
- MyCom Alumni
- Other (please specify)

15. Submit Your Nomination-Click Yes.

Yes



Youth Nominee: Arts

Friendly Reminder

Two youth will be selected in each category with each category having one winner being a current MyCom youth and one winner being a MyCom alumni.

Arts nominees are any child or young adult involved in the arts, including music, fine arts, theater, written or spoken word, and/or digital arts exhibiting leadership and/or innovation. Examples include, but are not limited to: mentoring younger youth in the arts, engaging younger youth in the arts, and/or public performances.

* 16. Name of Child or Young Adult Nominee

Name:

Age:

School (If Applicable):

Neighborhood They Reside:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

17. In 30 words or less: Why are you nominating this child or young adult for a MyCom Youth Voice Award in the Arts?

18. In 250 words or less, explain why your nominee demonstrates a commitment to the arts. You might describe a specific event and/or performance and/or publication.

* 19. Complete this information about the parent and/or caregiver of your nominee if your nominee is under the age of 18:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

20. The affiliation that the youth has with MyCom (check any/all that apply):

- Youth Council Member
- Resident of a MyCom Neighborhood
- Participates in a MyCom Program (afterschool, kindergarten club, etc.)
- Participates in Y.O.U. employment program
- Neighborhood mobilization team
- MyCom Alumni
- Other (please specify)

21. Submit Your Nomination-Click Yes.

Yes



Youth Nominee: You Matter.

Friendly Reminder

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* 22. Name of Child or Young Adult Nominee

Name:

Age:

School (If Applicable):

Neighborhood They Reside:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

23. In 30 words or less: Why are you nominating this child or young adult for the MyCom Youth Voice Award **You Matter**?

24. In 250 words or less, explain why your nominee demonstrates a commitment the concept of **You Matter**. You might describe a specific event and/or performance and/or publication.

* 25. Complete this information about the parent and/or caregiver of your nominee if your nominee is under the age of 18:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

26. The affiliation that the youth has with MyCom (check any/all that apply):

- Youth Council Member
- Resident of a MyCom Neighborhood
- Participates in a MyCom Program (afterschool, kindergarten club, etc.)
- Participates in Y.O.U. employment program
- Neighborhood mobilization team
- MyCom Alumni
- Other (please specify)

27. Submit Your Nomination-Click Yes.

Yes



Agency or Organization Category Selection

28. Which of the award categories would you like to nominate an agency or organization for?

- Advocacy
- Youth Engagement
- Youth Employment



Network Agency Award: Advocacy

Network Agency Awards: One agency will be selected from the nominations in each of the following categories:

Advocacy: An agency that has demonstrated a commitment to advocacy by engaging youth and/or parents in educating lawmakers about issues that impact children and young adults.

* 29. Agency or Organization Description

Name of Agency or
Organization:

Contact Person of the
Agency or Organization:

Email Address of the
Agency or Organization
Contact:

Phone Number of the
Agency or Organization
Contact:

30. In 30 words or less: Why are you nominating this Network Agency for the MyCom Youth Voice Award in Advocacy?

31. In 250 words or less, explain why the agency or organization has demonstrated a commitment to advocacy by engaging youth and/or parents in educating lawmakers about issues that affect youth.

32. The affiliation of the Agency and/or Organization with MyCom (check any/all that apply):

- MyCom Lead Agency
- MyCom Neighborhood Lead Agency
- Partner in Youth Development efforts
- Neighborhood mobilization team member
- Other (please specify)

33. Submit Your Nomination-Click Yes.

- Yes



Network Agency Award: Youth Engagement

Network Agency Awards: One agency will be selected from the nominations in each of the following categories:

Youth Engagement: An agency actively and authentically engaging youth in decision making about youth programming, community activities for children and young adults and/or community planning.

* 34. Agency or Organization Description

Name of Agency or Organization:

Contact Person of the Agency or Organization:

Email Address of the Agency or Organization Contact:

Phone Number of the Agency or Organization Contact:

35. In 30 words or less: Why are you nominating this Network Agency for the MyCom Youth Voice Award in Youth Engagement?

36. In 250 words or less, explain why the agency or organization has demonstrated a commitment to youth engagement by actively and authentically engaging youth in decision making about youth programming, community activities for children and young adults and/or community planning.

37. The affiliation of the Agency and/or Organization with MyCom (check any/all that apply):

- MyCom Lead Agency
- MyCom Neighborhood Lead Agency
- Partner in Youth Development efforts
- Neighborhood mobilization team member
- Other (please specify)

38. Submit Your Nomination-Click Yes.

- Yes



Network Agency Award: Youth Employment

Network Agency Awards: One agency will be selected from the nominations in each of the following categories:

Youth Employment: An agency who demonstrates commitment to preparing youth for employment by providing a worksite, internship opportunities, career exploration and/or job training.

*** 39. Agency or Organization Description**

Name of Agency or Organization:

Contact Person of the Agency or Organization:

Email Address of the Agency or Organization Contact:

Phone Number of the Agency or Organization Contact:

40. In 30 words or less: Why are you nominating this Network Agency for the MyCom Youth Voice Award in Youth Employment?

41. In 250 words or less, explain why the agency or organization has demonstrated a commitment to youth employment by demonstrating a commitment to preparing youth for employment by providing a worksite, internship opportunities, career exploration and/or job training.

42. The affiliation of the Agency and/or Organization with MyCom (check any/all that apply):

- MyCom Lead Agency
- MyCom Neighborhood Lead Agency
- Partner in Youth Development efforts
- Neighborhood mobilization team member
- Other (please specify)

43. Submit Your Nomination-Click Yes.

- Yes