

Nomination Form

2010 Youth Line Community Youth Awards

The 12th Annual Youth Line Community Youth Awards, presented by the Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line, is an opportunity for community members to recognize outstanding achievements made by lesbian, gay, bisexual, Trans, Intersex and queer youth, as well as by queer youth-serving agencies and groups in the province of Ontario. The awards are a chance to support queer youth, affirm their experiences, and to recognize their accomplishments in the community. The Community Youth Awards will be presented in Toronto in June 2009. This year we would like to present youth with awards from the following categories: contribution to queer and trans youth visibility, social justice, social and health services, community empowerment, personal achievement, arts and culture, and contributions in an academic environment. There are so many ways that young people contribute to building stronger communities and we want to make sure they are recognized.

About the Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line

Since 1994, youth volunteers at the Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line have been providing peer support via the telephone, email and instant messaging to other youth that want to talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity.

Our Mission

The Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line is a service provided for youth, by youth that affirms the experiences and aspirations of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgendered, 2-spirited, queer and questioning youth in Ontario. We are queer-positive and non-judgmental, and provide confidential peer support through telephone listening, instant messaging information and referral services, and through complimentary outreach. By reflecting our diverse cultures, abilities, and experiences and celebrating our potentials, we seek to create an empowering community of queer youth across Ontario.

Questions?

Email outreach@youthline.ca or call the Youth Line administration office at **1-888-687-9688 ext 229** or **416-962-2232 ext 229**. Visit www.youthline.ca for more information about the Youth Line and for additional nomination forms.

Guidelines for Youth Award Nominations:

- ⇒ Complete the nomination form.
 - All information contained on this nomination form is confidential and will only be used for the purpose of evaluating individual nominations.
 - Complete all of the questions on the nomination form clearly and concisely.
 - Include all required contact information for the nominee, yourself, and a secondary reference.

- ⇒ Activities listed must have occurred when the nominee was a youth (26 years old and under) and in the last 24 months. Include historical information if relevant.
- ⇒ The nominee must either be a resident of Ontario OR must have contributed to the LGBTQ communities in Ontario.
- ⇒ Self-nominations or nominations by another person will be accepted.

2010 Youth Awards Nomination Categories

Outstanding Contribution to Lesbian Gay Bi Two-spirited Queer Youth Visibility

Youth Line would like to recognize LGB2Q youth in the community who make it their mandate to come out and to take up space within their community (school, geographical community, and other communities identified with), not just for themselves, but to encourage and inspire the strength in others to be proud of who they are. Youth Line would like to recognize individuals trying to create a safe space for others wherever they are on their journey of self-discovery. We would like to recognize the courage, strength, and leadership that these individuals possess. It is important to the growth of future and present youth leaders that we recognize outstanding youth in the queer community who are visible, in order to inspire others to keep the spirit of change and progress alive.

Outstanding Contribution to Trans Youth Visibility

Youth Line would like to recognize trans/intersex/genderqueer/2-Spirit community, youth in the community who make it their mandate to come out and to take up space within their community (school, geographical community, and other communities identified with), not just for themselves, but to encourage and inspire the strength in others to be proud of who they are. Youth Line would like to recognize individuals trying to create a safe space for others wherever they are on their journey of self-discovery. We would like to recognize the courage, strength, and leadership that these individuals possess. It is important to the growth of future and present youth leaders that we recognize outstanding youth in the trans/intersex/genderqueer/2-Spirit community who are visible, in order to inspire others to keep the spirit of change and progress alive.

Outstanding Contribution in an Academic Environment

Youth Line would like to recognize LGBPTTIQA2 youth who are enlightening members of their academic spaces and changing the tone of educational environments so that they are inclusive, safe, and progressive. Youth Line would like to recognize youth who are bridging gaps and enhancing the learning experience for all members of their schools, colleges, universities, or other learning environments.

Outstanding Contribution to Arts & Culture

Youth line would like to honour the talents and achievements of LGBPTTIQA2 youth who have made contributions to arts and culture. We recognize the broadest definitions of both arts and culture, and welcome nominations from all disciplines.

Outstanding Contribution to Social & Health Services

Youth Line would like to recognize LGBPTTIQA2 youth who are making changes in Human Services. We would like to recognize youth who are creating supportive safe space for LGBPTTIQA2, youth, working hard to reduce barriers to accessing services, and/or being the voice of our communities' issues within the human services field.

Outstanding Contribution to Social Justice

Youth Line would like to recognize youth within the community who have taken a stand to promote equity, human rights, and social justice for themselves and members of the

community. We would like to acknowledge the immense amount of strength one must have to endure the oppression and discrimination that queer and trans youth may experience, as well as the impact of intersections of identity for individuals who belong to more than one marginalized community. We would like to honour the youth that take it upon them self to make right the social injustices they encounter.

Outstanding Contribution to Community Empowerment

Youth Line would like to recognize youth empowering youth in the community, who have demonstrated acts of support, strength, and leadership. We would like to recognize LGBPTTIQA2 youth who are facilitating positive change and providing tools and avenues to youth in the community to advocate for themselves to enjoy a better quality of life. We would like to honour individuals who inspire pride and joy in our communities.

Outstanding Personal Achievement

This award is for all of the courageous and fantastic LGBPTTIQA2 youth accomplishing incredible things in their lives and their communities. If you haven't found your category yet, this is the one for you! Youth Line would like to recognize LGBPTTIQA2 youth who have encountered and overcome tremendous obstacles, and youth who are doing interesting, innovative things. We encourage recognition of individuals taking the initiative to enhance their personal growth, while touching lives and impacting the community.

Send complete nomination forms to:

- Email outreach@youthline.ca
(Additional forms available online at www.youthline.ca) or
- Fax 416-962-7967 or
- Mail (post-dated no later than April 9, 2010)

Selections Committee
c/o Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line
PO Box 62 -Station F
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2L4

Supporting materials such as hard copies of samples of work are accepted.

Deadline for Nominations is
Friday, April 9, 2010

Nomination Form

Step 1 - About the Nominee

Please answer all of the questions in 200 words or less

Please describe experiences which demonstrate that the nominee is an exceptional candidate and has contributed greatly to their community as an individual/organization (i.e. volunteer positions, social justice/activism, artistic exhibits, prior recognition, innovative programming).

How does the nominee contribute to community building and enhancing the experiences of LGBTTIQQ2 youth in Ontario?

Through their achievement, what obstacles and/or personal growth/development has the nominee experienced?

Step 2- Select a Category

Please select one category that applies

- Outstanding Contribution to Arts & Culture
- Outstanding Personal Achievement
- Outstanding Contribution to Community Empowerment
- Outstanding Contribution to Social and Health Services
- Outstanding Contribution to Social Justice
- Outstanding Contribution to Trans Youth Visibility
- Outstanding Contribution to Queer Youth Visibility
- Outstanding Contribution in an Academic Environment

Step 3 - Nominee's Contact Info

***Required Information**

First Name*:

Last Name*:

Birth Date*(dd/mm/yyyy):

Email*:

Address*:

Evening Tel:

City & Province*:

Daytime Tel:

Postal Code*:

Step 4 - Nominator's Contact Info (That's you)

***Required Information**

First Name*:

Last Name*:

Job Title:

Organization:

Address*:

Evening Tel:

City & Province*:

Daytime Tel:

Postal Code*:

Email*:

How long have you known the nominee?

Relationship to Nominee*:

Is the Nominee aware of this nomination?*



Would you like to receive information and updates about Youth Line Events and Activities?
Yes No

If 'Yes' please indicate the best way to correspond with you:
Email Mail (please include complete mailing address)

I certify that this application is accurate & completed to the best of my ability.

Yes *(Please select)

Name

Date

Step 5 - Secondary Reference

Please have one other person act as a reference for the nominee and complete the required information below. This person must be willing to be contacted.

***Required Information**

First Name*:

Last Name*:

Job Title:

Organization:

Evening Tel:

Email*:

Daytime Tel*:

Comments about the nominee that the Secondary Reference would like to add: