



# 2020 Arapahoe County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards

## Nomination Application

AURORA  
BENNETT  
BOW MAR  
CENTENNIAL  
CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE  
COLUMBINE VALLEY  
DEER TRAIL  
ENGLEWOOD  
FOXFIELD  
GLENDALE  
GREENWOOD VILLAGE  
LITTLETON  
SHERIDAN

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Arapahoe County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards (ACMCYA) recognizes teenagers who have overcome obstacles and risen to challenges life has presented. This award is unique because it encompasses youth who live and attend school in Arapahoe County within traditional classroom settings, group homes, alternative schools, and emancipated youth.

Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have overcome adversity and wish to pursue post-secondary educational opportunities at vocational, two- or four-year schools.

### ELIGIBILITY

Seniors (grade 12) who live and attend school in Arapahoe County within traditional classroom settings, group homes, alternative schools, and emancipated youth.

12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are eligible to receive a scholarship for educational opportunities at vocational, two- or four-year schools for the first year of post-secondary costs.

Youth related to Arapahoe County employees are not eligible for this program.

### PROCESS

Teachers, counselors and other educators, not related to the youth, may nominate an eligible youth for consideration.

Each nominee must write a 3-paragraph essay (no more than 400 words) that highlights what they have learned after overcoming the challenge(s) they faced, what they hope to accomplish in the year ahead and any future plans or ambitions.

A committee comprised of county elected officials (commissioners, mayors, etc.) review applications and make recommendations for awards and scholarships based on the student's desire to rise above adversity, determination to create positive change within their environment, and the positive contributions and service to their communities and families.

Applications must be submitted electronically to [lcannon@arapahoegov.com](mailto:lcannon@arapahoegov.com) by the deadline below, no exceptions.

### DEADLINE

5 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2020

### SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship recipients must use the award within the 2020-2021 academic years.

### QUESTIONS

Questions about the process or program should be directed to Leslie Cannon, business associate, at 303-795-4215, [lcannon@arapahoegov.com](mailto:lcannon@arapahoegov.com) or visit [www.arapahoegov.com/YouthAwards](http://www.arapahoegov.com/YouthAwards).



3. What were the key factors that helped him/her turn their adversity into positive change?  
(100 words or fewer)

4. In what ways has the student helped others in the community? (100 words or fewer)

**PART IV: YOUTH ESSAY**

Attach the 3-paragraph essay written by the student nominee. Nominees must include a reference at the end of the essay. References may be contacted at our discretion. **Applications without essays will not be accepted.**

**PART V: PHOTOGRAPH**

Attach a digital copy of your school/yearbook photo. The photo may be used for recognition purposes and will not be used in the selection processes.

**PART VI: SIGNATURES**

**Nominator**

To the best of my knowledge, all the information provided in this application is true and reflects the nominee accurately. I have made note of specific information about the nominee that needs to be kept confidential.

I hereby grant permission to Arapahoe County Colorado to use my photograph or testimony in official print or web media without further consideration, and I acknowledge Arapahoe County's right to use my image in part or entirety. I also acknowledge that Arapahoe County may choose not to use my photo or testimony at this time, but may do so at its own discretion at a later date. I understand I will not be reimbursed for the use of this image nor interview or testimony for the purpose of financial gain.

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Nominator Signature & Date

**Nominee**

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Student Nominee Signature & Date