

DIANA
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FOR
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Help us find this year's award holders

The Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Award for Young People

Guidance Notes and Nomination Form 2006/2007 'The Diana Memorial Award celebrates the fantastic achievements of ordinary people who do extraordinary things. Through their activities they display all the values that we should all aspire to – valour, compassion, imagination, teamwork, sacrifice, public spirit and private endeavour in equal measure'. **Rt Hon. Gordon Brown**



The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Award is a UK – wide, inclusive Award, which recognises and celebrates the innate qualities – courage, compassion, commitment and selfless duties for others – of young people aged 12 to 18 demonstrated through their contribution to and impact on their schools, communities and society.

"It is fantastic to see the achievements of these tremendous young people being rightly recognised. Whether they are carers for family members, campaigners for good causes or charity fundraisers, they have all made a tremendous contribution to the communities where they live". RT Hon Jack McConnell

Diana Award holders have achieved so much, often against the odds, and have changed lives, schools and communities through their activities. They are young people who have been brave or have overcome immense personal difficulties and tragedies, as well as young carers, fundraisers, peer mentors, campaigners and students who make a profound contribution to their schools and fellow students. The list is endless.

What the Award does

A Diana Award nomination fulfils the requirements of Every Child Matters (Children Bill). It promotes two main ingredients that are essential to life

- Celebration
- Encouragement

It allows organisations to celebrate their pupils' achievements and encourages their pupils to continue to make a difference to the lives of others.

Award Categories

The Award is given to young people aged 12 – 18 whose activities fit into any of these categories:

- Youth participation or volunteering
- Selfless service to others
- Showing outstanding qualities in overcoming adverse circumstances.

(This should include an element of helping or inspiring others.)

The Award can recognise individual pupils

Organisations can nominate up to six individual young people from one or more of the categories listed above

or

The Award can recognise a group of pupils . . .

Organisations can also nominate a group of young people as long as the following criteria are met:

- Nominators must provide evidence that every member of the group has contributed fully to the activity for which they have been nominated.
- Groups must be no larger than 30 pupils ie a class size.

Additional Information

Each organisation can nominate once in every academic year. All young people nominated who meet one or more of the above categories will receive an Award.

"This award has INSPIRED me to STRIVE more for my deep ASPIRATIONS . . ." Zarmina Rayaz, Award Holder

Nominations can be made through schools, colleges and organisations that work with young people.

The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Award for Young People considers every nomination and is responsible for the final decision on making an Award.

It is acknowledgement of small every day efforts that builds self-esteem and confidence. It has been these type of acknowledgements, one of the most significant being my Diana Princess of Wales Award, that have 'kept me going' and 'got me' to where I am today. Katy Wylam, Award Holder

What will you receive for the Award?

Each individual Award Holder will receive a certificate and a lapel pin. The organisation also receives a certificate to mark its involvement in the Award.

All members of the group receive a certificate stating that they are members of the group and the group will also receive a shield to mark their achievement.

I think that as I learnt more about the Award, where it came from and what it meant, it meant more to me because an organisation such as this, thought of me as someone worthy of such an award and saw something in me that was worthy of recognition. Sarah Higgs, Award Holder

In addition, all Award Holders and organisations will receive our newsletters and the chance to be involved in our Diana Young Ambassadors Programme. This fantastic new programme aims to develop the skills, confidence and experience of award holders to enable them to become young leaders and community entrepreneurs. Through involvement in the programme they will have the opportunity to be Ambassadors and to represent the award across the UK.

Certificates will be issued before the end of each term. The deadlines for nominations in the academic year 2006/07 are: 17 November 2006, 9 March 2007 and 22 June 2007.

How to nominate?

Form a Nominations Group

This group will choose which young person(s) to nominate for the Award. The group should be chaired by a member of the school/organisation's management team and should also include young people, as well as three or four members of staff. Also, where applicable, it should include a member of the organisation or group for which the young person has been involved.

Choose your Award Holder(s)

The nominations group needs to consider:

- how long the young person/s' activity has lasted and their personal commitment to it
- the impact of the activity
- the age and personal/ social circumstances of the young person(s).

Nominations should not be made as an incentive or encouragement to young people to improve or sustain behavior.

The headteacher/deputy or head of organisation, should sign the form. Once we receive it, we will inform you in writing whether your nomination has been approved or not. We suggest you only tell your nominee(s) of their nomination once approval has been confirmed.

We will mail all certificates and lapel pins to schools by the end of each term.

