

All about The Mayor's 100 Teens 2009-2010

What it is

This is the fourth generation of The Mayor's 100 Teens that will recognize and celebrate deserving teenagers. Its mission is to create a community that values teens and promotes a positive image of them. The program's goals are to:

- Recognize a diverse group of high school teens who normally do not receive recognition.
- Collaborate with youth-serving organizations and businesses that are advocates for youth.
- Achieve prominent exposure for promising teenagers in the community.
- Send a strong message to teens that they are important to the community.

Who can apply

Teens completing 9th, 10th or 11th grades may be nominated during the spring of each year by teachers, counselors, friends, clergy or family (but not their parents). The nomination process is publicized through local media, all schools, libraries, police regional command centers, and a variety of youth and community organizations. Typically the program seeks nominees who:

- Overcame a significant obstacle in their lives.
- Perform Community Service.
- Demonstrate scholastic achievement.
- Set a good example and are positive role models.

How Teens are Selected

A group of volunteers from the Optimist Clubs reviews all nominations and gradually narrows it down to the teens that are selected as laureates into the program. The Mayor's 100 Teens will be publicly announced in October and will be representatives of the program for the coming 2009-2010 school year.

How The Mayor's 100 Teens are Recognized

- A kick-off event in October hosted by the Mayor.
- A published yearbook profiling each honoree.
- Attendance at local events and meetings as guests of the Mayor.
- Formal introduction at a City Council and County Commissioners Court Meetings.
- Media Recognition.
- A picture ID card and T-shirt.
- Benefits from sponsors such as free entrance to games, food, and other services.

Some Events where Teens participate

- Various community parades and celebrations
- First Lady's Monthly Program to Feed the Homeless to include the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- Teens in the Driver Seat
- Global Youth Service Day