

ROWAN SERVICE ABOVE SELF YOUTH AWARDS

Rowan Rotary Club, Cheerwine, Catawba College, Livingstone College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and Rowan County United Way, will present awards for community volunteer service based on the Rotary International motto "Service Above Self." These awards will be for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Winners and finalists will be announced and honored during an awards ceremony at **6:30pm on Thursday, January 11, 2024** at Keppel Auditorium located at Catawba College.

All nominees will receive a framed certificate for their service.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominee(s) group volunteer organization must provide services for the community at large.

Nominee(s) organization must qualify for a 501(c)(3) status to receive a contribution.

Volunteer service must be performed without pay.

Volunteer service must have occurred between June 1, 2022 and November 10, 2023.

Nominees must be residents of Rowan County, but volunteer service may be inside or outside the county.

Rowan Rotary, Rowan County United Way Staff and Rowan-Salisbury School System cannot judge. Members of the judging panel, the Chairperson of the panel or their families cannot be nominated.

AWARDS

Judges will choose three individual and group winners in the Elementary, Middle and High School divisions to be recognized. Student winners in each division will receive a medal and a check with a matching amount going to their school or nonprofit organization that nominates him/her: First Place \$250, Second Place \$100, Third Place \$50. Groups/Organizations that have tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) are eligible for the following: First Place \$500 contribution and a plaque, Second Place \$100 contribution, Third Place \$50 contribution.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The top middle and high school winners will receive medals, cash awards and scholarships totaling \$60,000 to Catawba College or Livingstone College:

No. 1 high school winner: \$5,000 scholarship for four years,
No. 2 high school winner: \$3,000 scholarship for four years,
No. 3 high school winner: \$2,000 scholarship for four years,
No. 1 middle school winner: \$5,000 scholarship for four years

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to No. 1 high school winner and No. 1 middle school winner.

NOMINATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

Nomination must be filled out completely and legibly.

Individuals or groups may nominate more than one candidate.

A maximum of 3 attachments is allowed to accompany the nomination form (Example: two reference letters, one newspaper article, etc.).

No videotapes, scrapbooks, or binders allowed (will not be given to judges nor returned).

Judges may request additional information from nominee, nominators or agencies.

Judges' decisions are final.

Nomination and attachments become property of the Cheerwine, Rowan Rotary and Rowan County United Way, and may be used in other awards.

HELPFUL TIPS:

Be specific and concise when possible.

Focus on one program that most exemplifies the nominee's service. Secondly, describe the other volunteer work or leadership positions as they rank in importance.

Assume judges know nothing about the nominee, the organization or community. Local judges may be unfamiliar with the organization, so tell the story as you would to a stranger.

Well-written nominations score higher with judges. If necessary, ask for help from someone you know, who has excellent writing skills.

Have another person proof nomination form for errors or omissions.

Make sure all areas of nomination form are filled out properly.

To download a nomination form or to nominate online, please visit our website at: www.rowanserviceaboveself.com

Nomination forms must be submitted or postmarked no later than November 10, 2023. There will be NO extensions on the deadline this year.

SEND ALL ENTRIES TO:

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