

Victor Central School District Superintendent's Civic Engagement Awards Program Application

Components of Civic Engagement

Volunteerism- a person who performs some service or good work of their own free will and without pay. (Toole and Toole, 1992)

Community Service- a person who engages in volunteer activities without pay to help give back to their community. The person receives some benefit by learning more about how their service makes a difference in the lives of the service recipients and its impact on the community. (Furco, 1996)

Philanthropy- the voluntary redistribution of resources by individuals and institutions (Stanford Haas Center for Public Service, 2015)

Activism- the active participation of individuals in group behavior for the purpose of creating change-in attitudes, knowledge, behavior, and/or symbols. The expected change can be directed toward individuals, groups and/or systems (Chambers and Phelps, 1991)

Service-Learning- an experience or student activity that may be a course or competency-based, credit bearing educational experience in which students:

- a. Participate in mutually identified activities that benefits the community, and
- b. Reflect on the service activity in such a way as to gain understanding of course content, a broader appreciation of the discipline, and an enhanced sense of personal values and civic responsibility (Bringle and Clayton, 2012, adapted from Bringle and Hatcher, 1996)

Awards

The Collaborative Action Award- awarded to a team, club, department and/or group that leads to an effective collaboration with the school district to accomplish a service project.

The Student Leadership Award- awarded to a district student or group of students who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment and unselfish dedication to the school district and to the larger community through service.

The Staff Leadership Award- awarded to a staff member or group of staff members who have developed or supported opportunities for the school district to participate in activities that benefit others.

The Faculty Leadership Award- awarded to a faculty member or group of faculty members in the district's schools who have demonstrated commitment to civic engagement through advocacy, teaching, or project development.

The Creativity and Innovation Community Award- awarded to an individual or group in the VCS community that demonstrates creativity or innovation in pursuit of a community service or civic engagement project benefiting a community outside of the district.

Eligibility

In order to qualify for an award, a candidate or group must meet one or more of the following:

- Be a Victor Central Schools' student, staff or community member.
- Be a Victor Central Schools' department, club, team, committee or group.
- Be an organization from the Victor Central Schools' broader community that has made a difference for students, staff or community member(s).

Nominations

- Nominations may be made by **any** individual.
- All nominations must be submitted on the official application form.
- All application forms must be complete and either delivered or postmarked on or before the deadline set by the Selection Committee.

Current selection committee members and their immediate family are not eligible for induction during a committee member's term of service.

Categories

The following categories are to be considered in qualifying for these awards.

Individual Recognitions:

- Student: a maximum of two, one elementary and one secondary award per year.
- Staff Member: a maximum of one award per year from the CSEA organization.
- Faculty Member: a maximum of one award per year from each organization: VTA, VASA, etc.
- Community Member: a maximum of one award per year.

Group Recognitions:

- Team, club, class or group: a maximum of one per year.
- Department, committee, grade level or school: a maximum of one per year.
- Community partner organization: a maximum of one per year.

Please see the Award Committee's by-laws for more information. They are available on the District's website. Contact the Office of the Superintendent for additional questions about the awards program.

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1. Name(s) of nominee(s) _____

Address(es) _____

Email address(es) _____

Telephone number _____

NOTE: Please provide contact information for every person being nominated or for a key person if nominating a group, on separate sheet of paper if necessary.

2. Nominator(s) Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Telephone Number _____

3. Check the award for which you are nominating this individual or group:

_____ The Collaborative Action Award

_____ The Student Leadership Award

_____ The Staff Leadership Award

_____ The Faculty Leadership Award

_____ The Creativity and Innovation Community Award

