

**CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
2010 Fact Sheet**

The annual **Connecticut Higher Education Community Service Awards** will be held on **Tuesday, April 27, 2010**. The ceremony will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Department of Higher Education, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford. These awards recognize volunteer service in the higher education community completed between Spring semester 2009 through Fall semester 2009.

There are three award categories:

- Individual students who have outstanding records in community service;
- Groups of students with outstanding records in community service;
- Special Awards to honor faculty or college/university staff who are recognized leaders in community service for their personal contributions and institutional commitment.

Each campus may submit any number of nominations to the Department of Higher Education. Of the nominations, a review committee will select two nominees in the individual student category, two in the student group category and one nominee in the special (faculty or staff) category as award recipients. All applications **must** be submitted by the designated Community Service Network representative on campus. All nominees and their nominating institutions will be recognized at the award ceremony.

For each student or student group nomination, the designated Community Service Representative **must** complete an online application form with a 300 to 500 word narrative clearly describing the service activity and the community benefit.

The student categories will be judged by the Awards Review Committee for projects and activities that detail **one or more** of the following accomplishments:

- a clearly defined project which has aided individuals or groups in the community or environmental causes;
- development of a unique or original approach to effective community service;
- educational and/or organizational activities which have substantially increased student participation in community service;
- development of projects which have promoted diversity or pluralism in the community;
- development and implementation of projects, which address pressing urban problems in the areas of education, health care, or community revitalization.

Activities submitted for consideration by the Awards Review Committee should not include work on campus projects which are of assistance to the institutional community only (for example, volunteer work in the campus alumni office), should not include partisan political activities, and should not include religious activities except where the activities relate directly to the larger community (for example, a church sponsored soup kitchen would benefit the larger community.)

Any nomination, student or special, where the nominee is receiving monetary payment or academic credit will be given consideration if activities demonstrate commitment above and beyond normal job or course expectation.

All applications **must** be submitted by the designated Community Service Representative through the Department of Higher Education web site. Application and instructions will be available online after March 22nd at www.ctdhe.org/cccs.

Applications must be received by the Department of Higher Education by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2010.

For additional information or questions, contact Nikki DiPietro at 860-947-1832 or email ndipietro@ctdhe.org.

NO LATE NOMINATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED DUE TO THE AWARDS TIMETABLE.