



## 2007 YOUTHLAUNCH SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

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### ***YouthLaunch Overview***

YouthLaunch is an Austin-based nonprofit organization that promotes the empowerment of young people through service. Since 1994, YouthLaunch has developed and supported empowering service programs and opportunities for young Texans, and in 2001, created a scholarship program to raise the profile of youth service and honor young community leaders and servants. YouthLaunch is also a certifying organization for the *President's Volunteer Service Awards*, and provides these awards to scholarship recipients.

### ***Scholarship Overview***

The *YouthLaunch Scholarship for Outstanding Service* is a non-renewable \$3,000 scholarship. In 2007, three scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who attend school inside the state of Texas. The scholarship checks will be made out to the college or university of each recipient's choice and may be applied to any direct education expense, including tuition and fees, on-campus room and board, or books and supplies.

The scholarship recipients will be invited and strongly encouraged to attend the YouthLaunch Scholarship Luncheon in Austin on June 1, 2007, where each recipient will be honored with a YouthLaunch award and the President's Volunteer Service Award. Each scholarship recipient and up to four of their guests will be reimbursed for the cost of travel to Austin for the luncheon and their hotel costs if an overnight stay is required.

### ***Minimum eligibility criteria:***

Eligible students must meet all of the following criteria:

- The student is a high school senior and will graduate from high school no later than June 2007.
- The student attends high school inside the state of Texas.
- The student intends to enter a post-secondary institution within 6 months following graduation from high school.
- The student has completed a minimum of 50 hours of service during their senior year of high school so far, and a minimum of 400 hours of service during all four years of high school (grades 9-12).

### ***What is "service?"***

For the purposes of this scholarship, "service" is defined as voluntary participation in activities meant to create positive change in a community. Some activities, however do not "count" as service for this scholarship, and those are listed below.

- Hours spent participating in meetings, classes, parties, or gatherings, even if affiliated with a service-oriented organization or class, **will not** be considered.
- Performing arts activities such as participation in marching band, drill team, theater productions or choir activities **will not** be considered.

- Activities that exclusively benefit immediate family members (babysitting a nephew, helping a grandparent paint the house) **will not** be considered.
- Any activity for which the student receives financial compensation **will not** be considered.
- Hours spent traveling to participate in a service activity **will not** be considered.

### ***Selection Criteria and Process***

Once all the applications have been received, they will be reviewed and scored by at least two members of the YouthLaunch Scholarship Selection Committee. The committee will then select the top three applications based on scores and overall impressions. The committee members will evaluate each application based on the following criteria:

- **Impact** – How much of an impact has the applicant had in his or her area of service, or, how has this service changed the community?
- **Leadership** – Has the applicant demonstrated an ability to lead others, set an example as a positive role model, and successfully encourage other young people participate in service?
- **Personal Growth** – Has the applicant demonstrated personal growth or transformation because of their participation in service?
- **Perseverance** – Has the applicant experienced any challenges while serving the community, and how did he or she overcome those challenges?

### ***Instructions***

Students who meet the minimum eligibility requirements listed above are invited to apply for the YouthLaunch Scholarship for Outstanding Service. All application packets must be postmarked by **Wednesday February 28, 2007**. Application packets must be submitted via mail, and can be addressed to:

YouthLaunch  
Scholarship Selection Committee  
PO Box 10958  
Austin, TX 78766

A complete application packet must contain the following items:

- Completed **Student Information Form**
  - The **Student Information Form** is a form that asks for student contact data and plans for the future. It is included on page 4. This can be completed by hand.
- **Student Service Resume**, covering all 4 years of high school
  - The **Student Service Resume** should highlight all the service the student participated in during high school. The service projects should be organized by school year, starting with the most recent. It should be typed and include the student's name, school, and district in the header of **each** page. A sample service resume is included on page 6 to serve as a guide.
- Completed **Student Service Questionnaire**

- The **Student Service Questionnaire** is the student's opportunity to tell the selection committee about their service in their own words. The questions can be found on page 5. The answers to the questions can be typed or handwritten clearly, with each question re-typed or written just above each answer.
- Two **Letters of Recommendation**, in sealed envelopes
  - The **letters of recommendation** must be completed by two adults who know the student well but are not family members. The letters should include specific information about the student's service record and why the student deserves a scholarship for outstanding service. The selection committee is strictly interested in reading about the student's service, leadership, and dedication to the community.

### ***Questions?***

YouthLaunch will be happy to assist you with any questions you have about the application process and can send you additional copies of any materials if needed. Call us toll free at 800-875-1862. More information can also be found at our web site: [www.youthlaunch.org](http://www.youthlaunch.org).



## 2007 SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE- STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

To be completed by the student applying for the scholarship.

### Contact Information

<b>NAME:</b>			
<b>AGE:</b>			
<b>GENDER:</b>			
<b>ETHNICITY: (optional)</b>			
<b>HIGH SCHOOL:</b>		<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT:</b>	
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>			
<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b>			
<b>TELEPHONE:</b>			

### Post-Secondary Plans

Please list all the colleges or universities you have applied to (or will apply to) for the fall of 2007:

What is your planned major/focus of study?

What types of careers interest you most?

### Service Hours

Fill in the number of service hours for each year (*these should match the numbers on your service resume*)

<b>FRESHMAN:</b>		<b>SOPHOMORE:</b>		<b>JUNIOR:</b>		<b>SENIOR:</b>	
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### References

List two adults (not family members) who can verify your service record.

<b>NAME:</b>		<b>PHONE:</b>	
<b>NAME:</b>		<b>PHONE:</b>	



## 2007 SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE - STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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*To be completed by the applicant.*

Please type or neatly write your answers to these questions on a separate sheet of paper, and limit your answers to a total of three typed (double-spaced) or five handwritten pages for all four questions.

1. What kind of impact do you think your service has had on your school, community, or the lives of others?
2. How have you tried to get other young people involved in service projects? Were you successful?
3. How have your service experiences helped you grow or change into the person you are today?
4. Have you faced any challenges in reaching your goals, and what did you do to overcome or deal with those challenges?

**Jane Doe, Armadillo High School, Armadillo ISD**  
**Sample Service Resume**

**Senior Year Service**

*Armadillo High School.....200 hours*

- Developed new high school orientation program for students and parents displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- Created new student government model, implemented by all grades starting this year
- Served as student leader on student advisory board

*Armadillo Children's Hospital.....80 hours*

- Volunteered in gift shop
- Volunteered as a clown during children's parties
- Served as Secretary on youth board of advisors

**Junior Year Service**

*Peer Mediation Program.....50 hours*

- Organized new peer mediator celebration
- Served as lead peer mediator

*State Wildlife Center.....20 hours*

- Built new hike and bike trail
- Led elementary students on nature hikes
- Worked at information booth on Free Saturdays

**Sophomore Year Service**

*Armadillo City Food Bank..... 80 hours*

- Served meals one Saturday per month at main food bank
- Organized canned food drive at high school
- Served on youth board of advisors

*Armadillo High School Junior National Honor Society.....50 hours*

- Served as a tutor in after school TAKS preparation workshops
- Designed a TAKS pep rally

**Freshman Year Service**

*Armadillo City Food Bank.....60 hours*

- Served meals one Saturday per month at main food bank
- Organized canned food drive at high school and middle school

*Armadillo High School Student Council.....50 hours*

- Organized winter coat drive
- Participated in school-wide clean up
- Participated in carnation sale fundraiser for new gym equipment