2014 Spirit of Youth Award
Nomination Form

Each year, the Spirit of Youth Award is given by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) to recognize and celebrate a young adult who overcame personal obstacles in his/her youth, but is now making significant contributions to society. As we celebrate CJJ's 30th Anniversary, we want to honor a young person who will also continue to help improve and advance juvenile justice reform in the coming years.

This award provides CJJ and the public with an important opportunity to learn from a young person’s first-hand life experiences such as how juvenile justice professionals and systems can most effectively be of help. Important questions are raised: What worked? What could have been done better? What enabled this young person to overcome obstacles and make such big changes in his or her life?

**The award recipient must be:**

* 28 years old or younger
* A person who was an adjudicated delinquent and/or formally involved in the juvenile justice system
* Currently involved, directly or indirectly, in bettering the lives of youth

**Past recipients include:**

1999: Derrick Bedford (CA)

2000: Corey Kean (PA)

2001: Shelley Atkins (NV)

2002: T. Nicole Wright (IL)

2003: Rita Naranjo (CA)

2004: Jeremy Estrada (CA)

2005: Antoine Perry (CA)

2006: Marvin Gumba (VA)

2007: Keanalu Chartrand (HI)

2008: Lance Garner (HI)

2009: Micheal M. Cox (NC)

2010: Brandon McMillian (DC)

2011: Andrew Peterman (ID)

2012: Jabriera Shakira Handy (MD)

2013: Hernan Carvente (NY)

Nomination Instructions

Please read through the nomination form fully before completing the packet.

Nominations are scored based on the answers provided in the Questions Section. Please be clear and concise in your writing. The quality of the responses can affect how nomination submissions are viewed.

All questions must be answered for a nomination to be scored. The Nomination Checklist is provided (below) for your convenience.

Nomination Checklist

[ ]  Completed Nominee/Nominator Information Fields

[ ]  Completed Nominee Questions Section

[ ]  Optional Supporting Documents

[ ]  Review carefully before submitting. All pieces must be enclosed for a submission to be considered.

Deadline for Submissions

#### Nominations are due to CJJ by **Wednesday, February 26th at 5:00 pm EST**.

**Email or mail your nominations to:**

Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Spirit of Youth Award

1319 F Street NW, Suite 402

Washington, DC 20004

Email: info@juvjustice.org

Questions

Contact Katie Mercier, Associate, Communications and Member Relations, at mercier@juvjustice.org.

Nominee Information

Salutation:

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Organization:

Street Address:

City:       State:       Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Does your Nominee know he/she is being nominated? Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Unsure [ ]

Is your Nominee currently enrolled as a student? Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Unsure [ ]

Nominator Information

Full Name:

Title:

Organization:

Street Address:

City:       State:       Zip:

E-mail:

Phone:

How long have you known the Nominee?

In what capacity do you know the Nominee?

Questions Section

The Spirit of Youth Award celebrates a young adult who, by overcoming personal obstacles and serving his or her community, exemplifies the importance of the rehabilitative focus of the juvenile justice system as well as the power of personal achievement.

Please answer the following four (4) questions; the fillable text boxes are capped at 2,500 characters. Additional text cannot be accepted as part of the application.

1. How has the nominee transformed his or her life in a positive way?

1. What were the obstacles this person overcame?

1. What contributions has this person made in his or her community?

1. Why are you recommending this person for the Spirit of Youth Award?

Optional Supporting Documents

You may include the following types of attachments to illustrate your nomination information. Whenever possible, please submit in PDF format.

If applicable, please check the two optional supporting documents you have selected:

[ ]  Press release

[ ]  News report

[ ]  Brochure

[ ]  Fact sheet

[ ]  Current resume of nominee

[ ]  Letters of Support

[ ]  Other: