



Department of Minnesota
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Created in 2002 by the National Children and Youth Committee, were two awards that can be presented throughout the American Legion Auxiliary year to recognize the heroism and leadership in community service of youth of high school age or younger. Thousands of Youth Hero and Good Deed awards have been presented to deserving since its inception.

I am asking units of Minnesota, if you know of a deserving youth, to nominate them for these awards.

There is what you need to know to put in for an award. Go to the National website at ALAforveterans.org, under the How to serve tab, go to the Youth Hero/Good Deed Award and fill out the information to be considered for an award. Not all nominations will get an award.

What you need to fill in is full name of the youth. Youths age and address. Date of deed and description of deed proffered. Submitted by ALA unit number, ALA Department of Minnesota.

ALA member name and membership number of the member filling out the form. Email and phone and address to ship award too. Your unit would set up a time to present award to the youth, great public relations for the unit and department, take pictures. Get approval of parents to post pictures.

Good Deed Award criteria:

Project demonstrates leadership in community service by planning, organizing, and executing a service project.

Project must be initiated by the youth being nominated.

American Legion Family membership is not a criterion for consideration.

Winners receive a certificate.

Youth Hero Award:

Demonstrates a physical act of valor.

Serves as an inspirational role model for the organization and the community,

Winners receive a medal and a certificate.

Questions or need help give me a call at 320-310-9417.