



Global Youth Connect

Empowering Youth to Advance Human Rights and Create a More Just World

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: GYC's Youth for Human Rights Award 2012

Global Youth Connect (GYC) announces a call for nominations for its second annual Youth for Human Rights Award

Nomination Deadline: 9:00PM EST on September 21, 2012.

Global Youth Connect (GYC) brings together youth from around the world to share experiences and exchange ideas concerning human rights, and to take action collectively, individually, and in association with various human rights organizations.

GYC's *Youth for Human Rights Award* honors young people who are exceptional human rights advocates and workers, and serves as a launch-pad for the award recipients to participate in GYC's programming.

GYC's first Youth for Human Rights Award honored Valentine Iribagiza (*pictured at right*), a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide and advocate for human rights of young people across the world.



In honor of GYC's recent launch of the *Human Rights in the USA* Program, this year the Youth for Human Rights Award will be presented to a young leader from the New York City area who has worked to advance human rights in New York City.

Who is eligible to be a Youth for Human Rights Award Nominee?

This year, all nominees must be currently working and/or living in the five boroughs of New York City, be between the ages of 16 - 30, and be working to advance human rights in NYC in some way. The nominee may advance the use of human rights as a concept for social change, engage in human rights education or learning, or promote/protect individual human rights through his/her work and initiatives.

A nominee's area(s) of focus may include, but is not limited to, access to health care, sustainable economic development, access to shelter, food security, conflict resolution, the human rights of indigenous peoples, children, LGBT persons, freedom of expression, and gender equity. Essentially, the definition of human rights in GYC's work is *broad*. The nominee may have his/her own definition of human rights. And the individual being nominated does not need to have already articulated their work as promoting human rights. If you have any questions about this please just contact us!

The nominee will also demonstrate maturity, integrity and credibility in selecting and using his/her human rights tools, and courage, conviction and creativity in the advancement of his/her human rights objectives!

The Award

The winner will (i) receive a full scholarship to attend the 2013 Human Rights in the USA Program in NYC¹, (ii) be honored at GYC's Annual Youth for Human Rights Gala in New York City to be held on November 10, 2012, and (iii) receive \$250 to be donated to the non-profit cause of his/her choice. Two runner-up candidates will receive honorable mentions at the Gala.

Procedures for Nomination

Anyone can nominate a candidate for the Award. There is no limit to the number of nominations an individual/organization can make, but no self-nominations will be accepted. *Note: If you would like to be nominated for the award and feel you are a good candidate, please feel free to ask someone you know to nominate you!*

The deadline for submissions of the Nomination Form is **9:00PM EST on September 21, 2012**. A shortlist of three candidates will be announced on October 1, 2012 and will be invited to interview with GYC's selection committee. The Award winner will be announced on October 15, 2012.

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¹ Contingent on continued NYC programming



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Nomination Form

GYC's Youth for Human Rights Award

Information about the Nominee

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Female: ___ Male: ___

Affiliation (School/Employer): _____

Please attach: (i) the nominee's CV or resume; and (ii) an essay written by the nominee of approximately 300 words answering the following questions:

- What does human rights mean to the nominee and which human rights issues is the nominee most passionate about?
- What has the nominee done to advance human rights in New York City?
- What does the nominee hope to accomplish in 5 years' time?
- What would receiving the Youth for Human Rights Award mean to the nominee?
- Where would the nominee want to focus the donation of \$250 to a non-profit initiative, & why?

Information about the Nominator

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Affiliation (Organization/ Title): _____

What is your relationship to the nominee? _____

Why do you nominate this nominee? Feel free to comment on the nominee's accomplishments and personal qualities that have contributed to his/her human rights impact.

Please submit the Nomination Form along with the applicable attachments via email to board@globalyouthconnect.org no later than **9:00PM EST on September 21, 2012.**