

20 November 2023

Attn: School Administrators, Church Pastors / Ministers, and Teachers

Subject: Village of Maryville 2023-24 Young Citizens of the Year Award

Together with the Village of Maryville Mayor and Board of Trustees, the Maryville Community Improvement Board (MCIB) is sponsoring the 8th annual Young Citizens of the Year Award for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding citizenship from the youth in our community, and to encourage students to take an active role in their communities, schools, and churches.

To ensure a successful program, we are asking for your assistance in promoting this award throughout your schools and churches. Please help us by informing teachers and administrators about the award and encouraging them to nominate candidates via the enclosed nomination form. Any student in Grades K-12 who resides or attends church or school in Maryville is eligible. There will be three age categories: Kindergarten through Grade 4, Grades 5-8, and Grades 9-12.

Nomination forms are due by February 16th, 2024 to maryvillecib@maryville-il.us. The nominations will be reviewed by the MCIB, and winners will be announced in March 2024. Depending on the quantity and quality of submissions, multiple awards may be given for each age group. Award winners and their parents will be invited to an April 2024 Village Board Meeting, and to the Mayor's Prayer Dinner in May 2024, where they will be recognized. Additionally, names of awardees will be displayed on a plaque in the Village Hall.

We are excited for the opportunity to recognize the outstanding youth of Maryville, and we thank you in advance for your support of this program.

Sincerely,

Courtney Wright, MCIB Vice-Chair

Addie Hall, MCIB Chair

Craig Short, Mayor, Village of Maryville

Enclosure: 2023-24 Young Citizens of the Year Award Details and Nomination Form

Village of Maryville
2023-24 Young Citizens of the Year
Award Details

The purpose of this program is to recognize and reward young citizens for outstanding contributions to the community. The award may be for a single random act of kindness or for an ongoing activity that the young citizen participates in which contributes to the greater good of the Village of Maryville and surrounding areas. The activity should be outside of the normal requirements for another organization the individual is involved in (such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc), however, contributions above and beyond the minimum are permitted and may be recognized through this awards program. *It is important to note that we are looking for individuals that stand out from their peers in terms of community service. Emphasis should be placed more on the individual contributions of the student rather than membership in a particular organization(s).* This award will be given on an annual basis.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Nominee must be a resident of Maryville, IL, or a student at a school located in Maryville, or a member/participant of a church located in Maryville
- Nominee must currently be enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 12

Awards:

- Three categories: Grades K-4, Grades 5-8, Grades 9-12
- At the discretion of the Maryville Community Improvement Board, multiple awards may be given for each age group, depending on the quantity and quality of the nominations received.

Winners will be announced in March 2024. Award winners will be recognized by the Village of Maryville Board at the Village Board Meeting in April 2024 and the Mayor's Prayer Dinner in May 2024.

Nomination forms are due by February 16th, 2024 to the Maryville Community Improvement Board (MCIB) at maryvillecib@maryville-il.us .

Questions prior to the deadline can be directed to Courtney Wright at (618) 401-4621 or maryvillecib@maryville-il.us .

Village of Maryville
2023-24 Young Citizens of the Year
Nomination Form

Nominee / Young Citizen Information:

Name of Nominee / Young Citizen: _____

Nominee's Age: _____ Nominee's Grade Level: _____

Affiliation with Maryville (Resident, School, Church): _____

School / Church: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Contact Information (Please provide enough information for us to notify you or the nominee's parents if the individual is chosen for award. Providing an alternate contact is recommended but not required):

Nominated By: _____ Relationship to Nominee: _____

Contact Person to Notify if Awarded: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Best time/method to contact: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Best time/method to contact: _____

Summary / Details of Outstanding Contribution

In one page or less, describe the young citizen's contributions to the community and why you feel they should be recognized. Please be specific about the student's individual contributions to the community.