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NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR YMCA YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS
Exemplary students to be awarded scholarships for leadership qualities

Louisville, KY (September 10, 2012) -- The YMCA of Greater Louisville is accepting nominations for its annual Youth Character Awards for students who exemplify the Y values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Each year, 10 students are recognized for demonstrating exceptional leadership and serving as examples to those around them.

“At the Y we believe the values and skills learned early are vital building blocks for life,” said YMCA President and CEO Steve Tarver. “This award helps promising young people discover who they are and what they can achieve.”

Teens ages 13 to 17 who are enrolled in middle or high school during the current semester are eligible. Nominees must reside in the YMCA of Greater Louisville’s service area which includes Jefferson, Oldham, Bullitt or Meade Counties.

Selected award recipients will be honored at a YMCA recognition event on Oct. 25 at the Galt House. In addition to their award and the dinner, honorees will receive scholarship funds to support their current and post secondary education.

Nomination forms can be completed online at ymcalouisville.org/character-awards.html or can be downloaded at ymcalouisville.org. A completed form must be received at the YMCA Association Office by the end of the day on Friday, Sept. 28.

For more information, visit ymcalouisville.org.

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About the Louisville area YMCAs

The Y is the nation’s leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The YMCA has been listening and responding to the needs of our communities for nearly 160 years. The Y is dedicated to building healthy, confident, connected and secure children, adults, families and communities.