

Dear Troy Youth and Youth Assistance Supporter,

The Troy Youth Assistance Youth Recognition program will be a bit different this year. As was the case last year, it will focus on individual high school students and offer a financial award, a “Boost Grant.” We are looking to help students who have set goals for success, made some progress toward those goals, and need a bit of financial help that may not be available through other sources.

We will give particular preference for those students who “started from behind” because of experiences such as:

- family tragedy: a death or separation/loss of income/foreclosure/unexpected move
- illness leading to depression/attendance issues or truancy/poor academic performance
- previous academically poor results because of bad choices/behavior/attitude
- court mandated changes in custody resulting in change of residence
- pregnancy or parenting responsibilities that required a leave of absence
- school insubordination

We also would like to reward students who have forged a path to progress as a positive response to court or police intervention.

The nomination form is quite different this year. The nominator must give a recap of why this student’s goal and progress is important to the individual or the community as well as why a Boost Grant would be appropriate. The nomination form contains a series of questions that the student has to answer, in their own words. They also will have to prepare a detailed request for funding (e.g., if it is for a computer program - list the program and retail cost; tools - list tools, use, and retail cost; summer school, preparatory or advanced coursework - list where the course would be taken and cost; etc.). The answers and funding request **MUST** be completed by the student. It **MUST** be detailed. “Anything will help,” will not set the nominee apart nor will it be helpful in evaluating the student’s commitment and dedication to reaching the listed goal. Nominators are expected to include the student’s responses to the nominator’s summary when submitting the nomination.

Troy Youth Assistance feels that with all of the continuing economic and social challenges to households, it is a good time for us to put some financial assistance into our future community leaders. The pool is finite, but the grants will be given according to perceived need and benefit. Therefore, a grant may be as little as \$50 or much more depending on the information provided and the student’s ranking from the evaluation committee. As was the case last year, the student may receive full or partial funding of the request at the discretion of Troy Youth Assistance.

Thank you in advance, for your participation and support!

Sincerely,

Robin Beltramini and Cindy Stewart
TYA 2022 Youth Recognition Co-Chairs



**2022 INDIVIDUAL NOMINATION FORM
TROY YOUTH ASSISTANCE
YOUTH RECOGNITION "BOOST GRANT"**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

NO. _____

DEADLINE for RETURN: March 4, 2022

This year, because of continued challenges to students and households, Troy Youth Assistance will once again offer "Boost Grants" to high school students. We recognize that circumstances for many youth and their families have changed in significant ways over the last two years. TYA wants to recognize those high school students who have set life goals and need a lift to achieve them. We will honor students for their planning and achievement skills, particularly those students who have overcome previous challenges to gain success and vision. Students will be eligible for a "Boost Grant" that can be used for continued education (including summer school classes), certification or licensure costs, or for the purchase of professional equipment.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. Nominate only one youth per form. The youth must be a high school age, City of Troy resident or attending Troy Schools as a school of choice student. All pages must be completed to be considered. **Ensure that names are spelled correctly on this form** as we may be printing legal documents based on this information. Successful award recipients will be asked to provide a digital picture for publicity purposes.

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Nominee: _____

Nominee Email: _____ Nominee Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Email: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Title & Name: _____ Phone: _____

Nominator's Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Organization: _____

I agree to permit the Troy Youth Assistance / Youth Recognition Selection Committee to notify the nominee of their selection for an award.

Please save a copy of this nomination form and submit it by e-mail, or mail, to Troy Youth Assistance.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM NO LATER THAN
March 4, 2022

**TROY YOUTH ASSISTANCE
4420 Livernois Rd.
Troy, MI 48098**

TroyYouthAssistance@troy.k12.mi.us

For Additional Information: Call TYA at 248-823-5095

DO NOT USE THE YOUTH'S NAME IN THIS SECTION OF THE NOMINATION FORM

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____
Goal: _____

For the Nominator: Please limit your descriptions to 500 words total, do not use the youth's name, and complete all sections to be considered for an award.

Section 1:

Please describe why this goal is important to the future of your nominee and/or the community. Summarize the student's situation and challenges that warrant a recognition of commitment and dedication. Explain why the “Boost Grant” is needed to further this youth’s progress toward the established goal.

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Section 2:

Nominator, please convey these 7 questions to your nominee and submit the answers here.

Questions for the Nominee: (Please be as concise as possible, yet provide as much detail as possible, within your comfort level.)

1. Please define the ultimate goal you have set for yourself.

2. What is the short-term goal toward the ultimate goal?

3. What have been the challenges to moving forward to the ultimate goal?

4. What progress has been made toward this ultimate goal?

5. What steps are still remaining to reach your ultimate goal, including the noted short-term goal?

6. What is your projected time-frame for reaching your ultimate goal?

**7. What financial assistance would help you reach the short-term goal within the next six months?
Be specific - course costs; where the class will be taken; tools needed; licensure or certification costs; etc.**

Please save a copy of this 4-page nomination form and submit it by e-mail, or mail, to Troy Youth Assistance.

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Submit form here to

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