

YOUNG PEACEMAKER AWARD 2007-2008
CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY
Sponsored by Win-Win Resolutions, Inc.

It is our belief that there are many middle school-age youth who exemplify behaviors such as respect for persons of diverse cultural backgrounds, compassion for those unlike themselves, and efforts to peacefully resolve conflict and unfair treatment in daily life. Created in 2002, the Young Peacemaker Award is an effort to recognize these individuals and encourage these behaviors in the community by a Greensboro organization dedicated to these principles: Win-Win Resolutions Inc., a non-profit organization providing educational programs using interactive drama to promote conflict resolution.

OUR PURPOSE/GOAL:

To recognize middle-school youth whose words and actions reflect creative and consistent efforts to create peaceful solutions to peer disputes and to promote understanding and acceptance of differences between individuals, groups and/or cultures at school and/or in the community.

By recognizing these outstanding young people, we hope *to promote and encourage* these same behaviors in the larger youth population. Lastly, we wish *to celebrate* these individuals and the hope they exhibit to all of us of a more peaceful existence between all people.

ELIGIBILITY:

All middle-school age students (Grades 6, 7 & 8) in Guilford County are eligible for the award, based upon a nomination by an adult staff member or advisor of a school, or youth group or religious organization who is not a relative of the nominee. Nominations should reflect actions by the nominee between **July 1, 2007 and May 1, 2008**. More than one winner may be selected from any school or organization, so **MULTIPLE nominations are encouraged**. *Note: Activities by nominees for which the nominee receives payment/compensation or academic credit do NOT qualify for the award.*

CRITERIA:

Nomination and selection are based upon the student's sustained efforts to promote peaceful and ethical resolutions to conflict and demonstrate to a high degree in words and actions the criteria for cultural understanding established for this award. (The criteria for the award are consistent with the Character Education principals of respect, trust, caring, courage, honesty, fairness and responsibility)

SELECTION PROCESS:

A written nomination for each candidate must be completed by an adult staff member or advisor of a school, or community or religious organization (other than a relative) who has observed or has direct knowledge of the middle school age student engaging in the behaviors and activities established in the criteria. The "Circle of Winners" Award Selection Committee, community leaders appointed by Win-Win Resolutions, will review written nominations and may interview finalists before determining the winners.

TIMETABLE FOR AWARD:

The deadline for Nomination Forms to be returned to Win-Win Resolutions is May 1, 2008. The committee will complete its selection and notify recipients in late summer. Awards will be presented to the winners at a public recognition ceremony on **Thursday, September 11, 2008** hosted by Win-Win Resolutions and other sponsors of the Young Peacemaker Award at the Embassy Suites Hotel Greensboro-Airport.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING NOMINATION FORM:

Complete one Nomination Form for each student being nominated, **adding additional comments or evidence of the behaviors that meet the criteria from your first-hand knowledge**. RETURN the completed forms to: Debra Vigliano, Win-Win Resolutions, Inc. 122 N. Elm Street, Suite 516, Greensboro, NC 27401 or debra@winwinresolutions.org Call Bobbijeane Spellman, if additional information is needed at **(336) 230-1232** OR EMAIL debra@winwinresolutions.org. Visit our website for additional info www.winwinresolutions.org