Eligibility Requirements

NOMINEE MUST:

- Live, work or attend school in the 79th District (San Diego, Lemon Grove, La Mesa, Bonita and portions of National City, Chula Vista and Spring Valley).

- Must be highly motivated, hardworking, engaged in volunteer activities and have demonstrated exceptional community service.

- Be nominated for a specific category (see below).

CATEGORIES:

Arts: Individuals involved in the field of arts as artists, performing artists, visual artists and design artists. This area also includes Hispanic and Filipino leaders in management/administration levels who work with galleries, museums, cultural programs, journalism, etc.

Business: Individuals who are small business owners who have achieved success as entrepreneurs. Those in the business field who are not business owners may be considered for demonstrating an extreme passion and advancement in their field of expertise.

Community Activism: Individuals involved in areas designed to bring about social or political changes.

Education: Individuals involved in developing and/or implementing educational programs at any level.

Government: Individuals involved in government as a leader, representative or employee who go above and beyond their job description/leadership role to help others.

Health Sciences: Individuals dedicated to the enhancement of human health. Health sciences encompass disease prevention, health education/promotion and the provision of health care.

Social Services: Individuals who usually work with people viewed as having special disadvantages such as people with low income, people with disabilities, elders, persons with mental illness and the homeless.

Labor: Individuals who are active in the field of labor and have shown a strong commitment to improving the lives of workers, their families and society as a whole.

Youth Leader: For the purpose of this award, “leadership” is defined very broadly and is not limited to being the lead person in a movement, organization or project. Individuals must be 12-17 years of age. The individual has made a significant contribution to their community or school by showing consistent involvement and having a positive impact on their peers.