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Do you know a youth that has performed an unselfish act of service? Nominate him/her for the Quota International **YOUTH EMBRACING SERVICE AWARD**

Young people are often recognized and rewarded for outstanding sports and academic achievements, but their ability to volunteer and be viewed as a valuable asset to their communities through service more often goes unnoticed. Service and volunteerism spans all economic and social circumstances.

It is a proven fact that young people who routinely engage in this type of activity are less likely to be involved in risky behaviors. Today's youth has the energy, imagination and tools to reach out and help their peers, families and their own neighborhoods – and it doesn't necessarily require money to do so. It requires a genuine desire to put others' needs ahead of their own. Quota International, MS Gulf Coast wants to foster and encourage that sense of caring.

Quota International of the MS Gulf Coast established the Y.E.S. program to recognize and reward local youths, (ages 1st grade to 12th grade) in Harrison, Jackson and Hancock counties for unselfish acts of service and volunteerism. Each month, a recipient of the Quota Youth in Service Award is selected from applications submitted, and awarded a \$50 check (to use for their project, or for their college savings) along with a "golden" medal of achievement. From those recipients, an Outstanding Youth in Service is awarded with a \$500 check at our annual "Thanks & Giving" banquet in June.

Nominations are received from various sources: school counselors, teachers, youth ministers, parents, scout leaders. Recipients are nominated for an unselfish act of service to their school, a group, an individual or community. (Awards are not given during the summer, but the project can take place during the summer months.)

Selection is made by a committee of Quota members, including a teacher, our Quota Volunteer of the Year and a Eucharistic Minister.

Each month, the award is presented at a school assembly (if possible), or in front of

the child's peer group (club or youth organization). This is usually coordinated through the person who nominates the student. The 10-minute presentation has been held at a school assembly, a biology class, at an annual football banquet, and at a youth mass at a Catholic church. We believe that this not only encourages others to follow the example of this nominee, it also serves as an introduction to Quota within the various communities.

If you know of a deserving youth, please contact the MS Gulf Coast Chapter of Quota International by phone, email or mail