



D. Susan Wisely “Youth Worker of the Year” Award

Purpose

The D. Susan Wisely “Youth Worker of the Year” Award will recognize an individual’s extraordinary impact on Indiana youth and support his or her continued professional development. The award is provided courtesy of the D. Susan Wisely Leadership Legacy Fund, a fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation.

The winner will be recognized at the Indiana Youth Institute’s Because KIDS COUNT® Conference in December 2015.

Award Details

\$2,500 Cash Prize, to be used for the awardee’s professional development

Free registration, hotel and travel for winner and a guest to attend the Because KIDS COUNT Conference

Eligibility

Applicants must be committed direct service youth workers who have been working with Indiana youth for five years or more.

Applicants are free to propose any professional development opportunity and associated expenses, with the exception of IYI events. Proposals need not include a complete budget or brochures – all necessary confirmation and documentation will be obtained from the award recipient after notification.

Application Process

Due to the professional development component of this award, applicants must be self-nominated.

Application packets must include:

- the application form
- responses to narrative questions (must be typed, limit of three pages)
- three letters of recommendation total
 - Two from the following categories: supervisor, colleague, and/or civic leader
 - One from a young person who has been impacted by the applicant’s work (can be an adult who was impacted while a child/youth)
- resume or CV
- a copy of your agency’s IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter or, in the case of schools and government agencies, your IRS not-for-profit tax exemption certificate or determination letter

Timeline

September 28, 2015	Applications Due
November 9, 2015	Winner Notified
December 1-2, 2015	Winner Recognized at Because KIDS COUNT Conference in Indianapolis

Contact Info

The Indiana Youth Institute
Attn: D. Susan Wisely Award
603 East Washington Street, Suite 800
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: 317-396-2700
Toll-free: 1-800-343-7060
Fax: 317-396-2701
www.iyi.org



D. Susan Wisely "Youth Worker of the Year" Award APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Contact Information

Name _____ Date _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of Years in Youth Work Profession _____

Narrative Questions

Please attach a narrative response to the following questions.

1. Describe your history and experience working with youth. This can include work outside Indiana.
2. Why did you become a youth worker? What motivates you to stay involved?
3. Tell us about your impact on youth in Indiana. What successes are you particularly proud of?
4. What do you see as your next area for growth? What do you want to learn more about?
5. How would you plan to use the \$2,500 professional development funds? How would this opportunity help you build on your successes and increase your positive impact on youth in the future?

Application Checklist

The application packet must include **three copies** of the following:

- The application form, signed by the applicant and executive director.
- Typed responses to the narrative questions listed on the application, limited to three pages total.
- Two letters of recommendation from any combination of supervisor, colleague, or civic leader
- One letter of recommendation from a young person who has been impacted by the applicant's work (can be an adult who was impacted while a child/youth)
- Resume or CV
- A copy of your agency's IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter or, in the case of schools and government agencies, your IRS not-for-profit tax exemption certificate or determination letter

By signing below, I affirm that my answers are truthful, and I agree to use the funds in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the program description. If selected, I agree to submit the required documentation of the professional development opportunity, as well as an expense report detailing how the funds were spent. I understand that this award may be featured in IYI's promotional materials and/or the media, and the winner will be asked to sign a consent and release.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Executive Director's Name _____

Executive Director's Signature _____ Date _____