



The 2020-2021 Joe Kordick Youth Character Awards High School Nomination Instructions

Nominations Due by 4:30pm Friday, November 13th

About the Awards

The Joe Kordick Youth Character Award honors worthy young people who embody the “Six Pillars of Character” — trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Rather than spotlighting isolated acts of heroism, generosity or academic grades, the Joe Kordick Youth Character Award was conceived to recognize those students whose lives and achievements demonstrate an **enduring commitment** to any or all the following qualities associated with good character:

- Uncompromising integrity and courage demonstrated by a willingness to do the right thing despite social pressures or personal risk
- Generosity of spirit and willingness for self-sacrifice in devotion to helping others
- Community service in working for the common good
- Perseverance and inner strength enabling the young person to overcome physical, financial, or other difficulties

High School Award Information

- **High School Award** – Each high school award recipient will receive a \$1,000 cash award, will be recognized at their High School’s scholarship night in April.

High School Eligibility Requirements

1. High school seniors from **The Martin County School District** graduating during the 2020-2021 school year, including those seniors graduating in December 2020, are eligible for this award recognition.
2. The award nominee’s life and achievements must convey an enduring commitment to the Six Pillars of Character and the above-mentioned qualities associated with good character.
3. High school finalists must be available for interviews during their school’s scheduled interview time frame, tentatively scheduled for the week of February 8th, 2021.

Nomination Instructions

1. Nomination forms are available by contacting Tara Zweben at 283-4800, tzweben@unitedwaymartin.org, or can be downloaded at unitedwaymartin.org/CharacterCounts under Awards / Recognition.
2. Nominations will be accepted from all school and school district staff and the community-at-large from October 18th, 2020 through November 13th, 2020.
 - a. **School Nominations:** Nominations from staff at the nominee's current school must go through the school's CHARACTER COUNTS! representative. The CHARACTER COUNTS! school rep is responsible for submitting the ten school nominations to CHARACTER COUNTS! (maximum of 10 from each school).
 - b. **Community Nominations:** Nominations from persons outside the nominee's current school are considered community nominations and must be submitted directly to United Way of Martin County / CHARACTER COUNTS! (unlimited).
3. Nomination submissions must be typed.
4. ***Because this nomination will be used in the selection and scoring process, it is most important that your answers are detailed and speak to the individual student's character.*** Please keep in mind that this a recognition award for good character, not an academic award.
5. **The deadline for nominations is 4:30 pm, Friday, November 13th, 2020.** Nominations must be emailed as attachments to Tara Zweben, United Way of Martin County / CHARACTER COUNTS!, tzweben@unitedwaymartin.org. Contact Tara Zweben at 283-4800 or tzweben@unitedwaymartin.org to verify that your nomination(s) has/have been received. Late submissions will not be considered.

Selection Process

1. The application with instructions will be mailed directly to nominees by November 20th, 2020, and are due by 4:30 pm on Friday, December 18th, 2020.
2. A United Way of Martin County CHARACTER COUNTS! selection committee will review and score the applications.
3. High School Finalists: From the pool of high school applications received, applicants whose scores average 90 points or higher will be interviewed by the Selection Committee during the week of February 8th, 2021.
4. High School Recipients: From the interview process, up to ten high school recipients will be selected and recognized at their respective school's scholarship night.