

Recognize A Youth

RAY of Hope

Initiated in 2011 by Bedford Youth & Family Services (BYFS) and the Bedford Chamber of Commerce (BCOC) and modeled after a similar program in Needham, the RAY of Hope Program (**R**ecognize **A** **Y**outh) is designed to identify high school age young people who have performed outstanding service to the Bedford community and/or who by their actions are excellent role models for their peers. The RAY of Hope Program is a recognition that young people and their development are of critical importance to the functioning of the Bedford community and our collective futures.

Annually the BCOC will recognize one outstanding young person or group, coordinate a gift from the BCOC, and will work with the local press to inform the larger community of the achievements. BCOC and BYFS will accept nominations at any time from local businesses, schools, religious or civic groups, or individuals, for high school age youth who are deserving of recognition.

To nominate a young person please fill out the application form attached or download it from the BCOC website www.bedfordchamber.org and mail to Bedford Chamber of Commerce, ATTN: Ray of Hope, 12 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730. The form can also be faxed to 781-275-7767 or emailed to YouthandFamily@bedfordma.gov

Nominations will be reviewed by representatives from BCOC and BYFS, and the youth with the most compelling service accomplishments will be selected and honored at the BCOC Annual Dinner in February.

Deadline for submission is February 12, 2014.

For questions about the award or the process please contact BCOC Executive Director Maureen Sullivan at 781-275-8503 or BYFS Director Sue Baldauf at 781-275-7727.

**RAY OF HOPE
DESCRIPTION AND NOMINATION FORM**

Do you know a high school age youth who has performed a special service to the Bedford community?

Why not nominate them for a RAY of Hope Award?

Name of nominee(s): _____ Age & Year in School: _____
Address: _____ Phone number: _____
E-mail Address: _____

How do you know the nominee?

What makes this RAY of Hope nominee shine?

What school activities is the nominee involved in?

What community activities is the nominee involved in?

Name of nominating person: _____ Phone number: _____
Address: _____ E-mail address _____

**Please Return Nomination Form to
BEDFORD CHAMBER of COMMERCE
Ray of Hope Award**

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