

Request for Nominations

Kenton Hoppel Memorial Outstanding Community Service Award

The West Valley Volunteer Hose Company Inc. in conjunction with the friends and family of Kent Hoppel would like to announce the creation of *the Kenton Hoppel Outstanding Community Service Award* to recognize an individual that has chosen to enroll in post-secondary education in the field of firematic, emergency services or health care. Qualifying individuals are community members who, by devoting their time, talents, and expertise to serve the public good, have made significant, demonstrable, and direct contributions to society's well-being. Award recipient(s) receive a cash award and recognition on an official plaque in the West Valley Firemen's Memorial Training Center. The intent of the cash award is to further education in the field of firematic, emergency services or health care.

This scholarship is available to individuals in Cattaraugus and Erie County.

Outstanding Community Service Award: This award will be given to an undergraduate or graduate student who has made an extraordinary, significant, and demonstrated contribution to the betterment of society through research, academic studies, and/or public service.

We seek nominees who: (1) have affected society in one or more positive ways that foster long-term change to the public good; (2) have employed an innovative approach to their service; and (3) stand out among peers as individuals whose service has produced extraordinary results.

NOMINATIONS: Any individual, community member or group from Cattaraugus or Erie County can submit a nomination on behalf of themselves or a person deserving of the nomination. The nomination process involves the submission of a formal nomination packet. The packet should include: (1) a nomination cover sheet and letter and (2) a personal reflection essay by the nominee. Optional supplemental materials that demonstrate the contributions and significance of the nominee's service may also be submitted. **Save these items in the order listed above in a single PDF file.** This can be done using Adobe Acrobat; see instructions below.

Please save the PDF with the filename format as follows:
YEAR_Last Name, First Initial of nominee_KHMOSCA

Example of file name: 2020_DoeJ_KHMOCSA

One copy of these materials must be submitted electronically by December 1st 2020 by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time to wvofficers@frontiernet.net Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

For questions about the award, please call 716-942-6500.

A list of awardees will be posted at <http://wvfd.us>

Outstanding Community Service Award Application

Deadline: December 1st 2020

Nominee Name: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

(if self-nominating, leave below blank, but write in name as nominator)

Nominator Name: _____
Last First MI

Organization/Unit: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

How long have you known the nominee? _____

Nominator Narrative (limit 1000 words)

Describe the service that was provided by the person you are nominating and the ways in which this contribution to the community was extraordinary. *The narrative should include details on the following issues: (1) What was the service that was provided and what was the nominee's particular contribution? (2) Who was the recipient of the service and in what ways did the recipient(s) benefit? (3) When and for how long was the service conducted? (4) Where and under what circumstances was the service conducted? (5) Why is the nominee's service extraordinary? What makes it stand out? (6) What were the impacts of the service?*

Nominee's Personal Reflection (limit 1000 words)

Dear Award Candidate:

Congratulations on being nominated for the Kenton Hoppel Memorial Outstanding Community Service Award. You have been identified by your peers as making an extraordinary, significant contribution to the betterment of society through your involvement in public service. On your nomination application, your nominator has identified specific contribution(s) you have made.

All award candidates are asked to submit a personal reflection of no more than 1000 words that addresses the nature of the service that their nominator has identified, the motivation for engaging in service, and the impact the service has had on others, on society, and on themselves.

There is no format to be followed in presenting the personal narrative. However, in preparing your narrative, please include some reflection on the following issues:

- 1) What was your motivation for initiating or engaging in this service?
- 2) What is it about this particular service that has been or was most rewarding?
- 3) In what ways do you believe your service has affected the community and or the broader society? Please provide specific examples.
- 4) In what ways do you believe your engagement in this service has influenced you?

Your personal narrative is required for inclusion in the nominations packet. **A complete award nomination packet and supplemental materials must be submitted electronically as one PDF document by December 1st 2020 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time to wvofficers@frontiernet.net**

Congratulations again on being nominated for this award.

Sincerely,

John Pfeffer

President

West Valley Vol. Hose Co. Inc.