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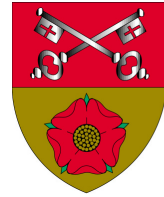
Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education

Christian Service Award Scheme



Jesus washes Peter's feet by Sieger Koder.

Diocese of Blackburn Board of Education Christian Service Award



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(Ephesians 2:10).

What is the Christian Service Award in recognition of?

The purpose of the Christian Service Award is to recognise those young people who, through their actions towards others, the community, the Church or their School have demonstrated themselves to be of outstanding character and a role model in their efforts to live in the difficult way of Christ. The award highlights the importance of the teaching of Christ as a fundamental aspect to leading a good life. In the 21st Century multimedia society young people are pulled in all directions. The core values of the Christian community are often sullied. Our young people can be easily influenced towards the secular through the media as they experience emotional changes and the responsibility of becoming adults. This Award gives an opportunity to reward those young peoples who through their conduct and commitment act as a beacon and witness to their School, Church, Organisation or Community.

What type of young people are nominated?

The Christian Service Award winners are an encouragement to each and every one of us, to use our gifts in service to others. They are a living symbol to the world, a sign that God is still with us. It is an expression of service and love to God's people, which they have demonstrated to the world. And when God is served in this way it is the hope that people will recognise that God cares and God loves His people.

What are the values recognised by the Award?

The Christian Service Award recognises the theological virtues of faith hope and love, as demonstrated in the life of the young people

- ❖ Faith: visible witness, commitment and dedication in the promotion of the Gospel
- ❖ Hope: a beacon or example to others, someone trusted and who cares for others within their community
- ❖ Love: unwavering commitment, care, and devotion to God, His people and the Gospel.

The Christian Service Award gives recognition to the young people who win the award. The nomination and Award Ceremony gives all those who take part the opportunity to reflect on the value of Christian service.

Who can receive this Award and how can they be nominated?

The award can be received by all young people aged 15-21 who meet the criteria. Nominations will be made by a representative of the organisation or community in which the young person has served which may be the head teacher, form tutor, worship co-ordinator or vicar.

The nomination process will highlight young people who have made an outstanding effort to develop and practise aspects of Christian service within the community or organisation to which they belong. They will have demonstrated, through their actions, to be individuals of outstanding character and a role model for others, in their effort to live out the Gospel.

Where will the award be presented?

The presentation could be made in the place in which the young person serves which may be the school or the church.

What is the process of nomination?

1. Nominations are suggested and supporting documentation completed from within the School/College/University/Church/Community/Organisations.
2. Completed forms and evidence is sent to the Awards Committee by 30th September.
3. Initial review of documents will be made upon receipt, should any further information be sought this will be either by visit from a committee member or by telephone. This will be done before the Awards Committee meet.
4. Nomination documentation is reviewed and endorsed by the Awards Committee which comprises members of the Board of Education.
5. A list of the Award winners and supporting documentation are held in confidence until the presentation of the award

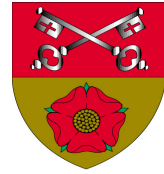
NB. We would like to make this award a surprise for the nominees and so they shouldn't be informed about their nomination until notification has been received from the Awards Committee.

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Guidance



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Suggested criteria for achievement of award

Age range of nominees will be 15-21 years old

Organising and promoting fundraising activity

Leading and/or co-ordinating collective worship/form worship

Involvement in/leading Christian Union or equivalent

Peer mentoring/'buddying'

Supporting other students

Active involvement in Church based activities outside of school/College/University

- Junior Church warden
- PCC member
- Sunday school/youth group leader
- Involved in leading worship

Nominations

Nominations for awards will come through school, college, and church or community organisation. It may be a form tutor, head of RE, head teacher, vicar or youth worker who nominates. This means that the hierarchies of the institution are acknowledging the achievement.

Evidence

Evidence of a person's involvement may come in a variety of formats. The initial nomination from a member of staff at the school, college, and church or community organisation will be viewed as important evidence but also something specific to the projects they have been involved with should be sent with the nomination form. Depending on what they are being recognised for, evidence might include:

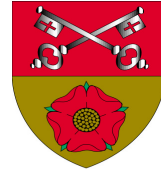
- Worship rotas with their name on
- One of the Awards Committee coming to see the young person involved in their activity and formulating a report
- Photographs/video
- Local media coverage
- Letters of appreciation
- Testimony of those who have benefited from the young persons intervention

Decision

Decisions on who will receive awards will be made by an Awards Committee made up of representatives of the Board of Education once nominations and evidence have been received. The Awards Committee will meet once a year, usually in November and nomination forms and evidence should be received by **September 30th**. All nominations will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Awards: We will arrange a suitable time when the awards can be allocated in the place of service which may be a collective worship at the school or during an annual awards event, or as part of a church service.

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Nomination Form
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All nomination forms must be postmarked by 30th September and have a certificate of posting

Young Person information

Name: _____

Age: _____

Religious affiliation: _____

Nominator Information

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Position held: _____

Organisation Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

How do you know the young person:

- School Church
 Community Service Other

How many years have you known this young person: _____

Briefly summarise why this young person deserves the award:

(Please attach extra pages if necessary)

Have you included evidence with this nomination?

- Yes

Signature of Nominator: _____

Signature of Head of the Organisation: _____