



Nomination Deadline: March 4, 2013

The ConocoPhillips Youth of Distinction Awards is an opportunity for Calgarians to recognize deserving youth (13-18 years of age) for the remarkable ways in which they have chosen to live. The awards are not academic and each category has a focus whether it is leadership, friendship, overcoming personal challenge or community service. The award categories are as follows:

Advocacy Award

To be given to a youth who has committed time and energy lending their voice to a cause and bringing about change. To win this award, the nominee has demonstrated passion and conviction.

Arts and Culture Award

To be given to a youth who demonstrates passion for arts and culture including music, theatre, dance, film or visual arts. The nominee will show that they are committed to helping others understand the importance of arts in their community through acts like mentoring, teaching, fundraising and raising awareness.

Environmentalism Award

To be given to a **youth and a group of youth** who are committed to improving the environment and reducing environmental degradation. The nominee(s) will have achieved results and made the world a little "greener."

Leadership Award

To be given to a youth who has chosen to take a leadership role in bringing positive change to their school or community. The nominee will have demonstrated responsibility and drive, as well as initiative in starting new projects and programs.

Peer Support Award

To be given to a youth who is a true mentor. This youth will have positively affected the life, or lives of others. The nominee will have shown empathy and compassion while lending their support.

Perseverance Award

To be given to a youth who has prevailed over adversity or an obstacle in their life. The nominee will have overcome challenges and demonstrated inner strength and perseverance.

Sportsmanship Award

To be given to a youth who is passionate about athletics and demonstrates sportsman-like qualities such as mentorship, coaching, planning and enthusiasm. While they don't have to be the most athletic nominee, they will have shown commitment to helping others recognize sport as an important part of their community.

Volunteerism Award

To be given to a youth who is truly selfless and dedicated to helping others. Though not necessarily in a leadership role, the nominee has shown commitment to bettering their community by volunteering their time to a cause they are passionate about.

*Nominations are accepted for youth from Calgary and area

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Ceremony will take place May 4, 2013 at the Calgary Zoo.

The ConocoPhillips Youth of Distinction Awards nomination forms are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Youth Central at **403-266-5448**, by email yoda@youthcentral.com or visit www.youthcentral.com/yoda for more information.



2013 Nomination Form

Please ensure that you complete **all five steps** of this application. Incomplete applications may be disqualified.

Step 1. Complete the following information

Please print clearly, and be sure to fill out all information, including signatures

Nominee

Individual/Group Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (other): _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Please note, all nominees must not be older than 18 years of age as of December 31, 2012 and/or be still attending high school

Nominator

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (other): _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Relationship to Nominee(s): _____

Signature of Nominator _____

Date _____

How did you first learn about awards (please circle)? EMAIL POSTER FACEBOOK TWITTER WORD OF MOUTH PRINT AD ONLINE AD

YOUTH ARE AWESOME WEBSITE YOUTH CENTRAL WEBSITE OTHER (please specify) _____

Step 2. ConocoPhillips Youth of Distinction Award

Please indicate which award you are nominating the candidate for by placing a check in the space provided

Advocacy Award _____

Perseverance Award _____

Arts and Culture Award _____

Peer Support Award _____

Leadership Award _____

Sportsmanship Award _____

Environmentalism Award (Group or Individual) _____

Volunteerism Award _____

NOTE: You may only select one category. If the candidate wishes to be nominated in more than one category (three maximum), a separate nomination form written by a different nominator is required.



2013 Nomination Form - Continued

Step 3. Nominator's Declaration

You can nominate a youth in one of the following ways:

Either:

- Complete the *ConocoPhillips Youth of Distinction Awards 2013 Questionnaire*, available on www.youthcentral.com/yoda.
- Write a letter about the nominee that does not exceed one page in length and should be written in a minimum 12 point font. Check out our "Tips for Writing a Great Nomination" on www.youthcentral.com/yoda.
- Create a video blog of yourself talking about the nominee (please exclude any images of the nominee), which should be 4 - 6 minutes in length.

Remember: Declarations should explain why you believe the nominee should be considered for the award you are nominating them for. Please include specific examples and references to their character. Be creative! All nominations, regardless of format, will be judged equally.

Step 4. Parent / Legal Guardian Consent and Release

Consent: The parent or legal guardian of the nominee hereby consents to their nomination for a ConocoPhillips Youth of Distinction Award and confirms the information attached is accurate to the best of their knowledge and will be used in the selection process of the award recipients. The parent or legal guardian also consents to the use of all information regarding the nominee, provided in the Nominator's Declaration, in any Youth Central and/or Youth Central's partner's publications and/or other media created in regards to the ConocoPhillips Youth of Distinction Awards.

Image Release: The parent or legal guardian hereby consents to the use in any of Youth Central and/or Youth Central's partner's publications of the nominee's image if contained in any photographs or other media created during the ceremony and surrounding activities.

The terms of the above Consent and Release and the Image Release are hereby agreed to this ____ day of _____, 20____. I confirm that I have read and understand the above terms and that I have the authority to sign this document in respect to the youth nominee.

Signature of Nominee's Parent or Legal Guardian

Witness
(Please print name below)

Step 5. Please submit this nomination form, along with the Nominator's Declaration by dropping it off or mailing it to:

**Youth of Distinction Awards Program Coordinator
Youth Central
Suite #820, 105 12th Ave SE
Calgary, AB T2G 1A1**

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You can also fax it to **403-264-0266** or scan and email it to yoda@youthcentral.com

NOTE: If you choose to fax your nomination forms, please call to confirm that it was successfully received.

The ConocoPhillips Youth of Distinction Awards Committee will make selections and contact all nominees by mail, no later than March 22, 2013 with further details. All finalists will be filmed for a video profile to be shown at the ceremony. Filming will take place during the months of March and April. The ceremony will take place **May 4, 2013** at the Calgary Zoo. Please be aware that all nomination forms and any additional materials provided will not be returned to sender.

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