



**Urban League of Detroit
& Southeastern Michigan**

Dear Supporters:

The Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan (ULDSEM) is pleased to extend an opportunity for your school/church/community based organization to participate and share with youths & families involved in your programs and activities information regarding our annual “**Youth Who Do the Right Thing**” competition and celebration.

Each year the ULDSEM recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of youth in our community who “**Do the Right Thing**.” In 1996, the National Urban League launched a nation-wide initiative to celebrate young people who are achieving in school, church and their communities. Everyday, millions of youth are striving to “do the right thing”, yet their stories are seldom told. Unfortunately, not enough adults or media take the time to acknowledge the contributions young people make in our community. The Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan’s Celebrating Youth who “**Do The Right Thing**” Award is designed to acknowledge these young people for setting a positive example for their peers and their contributions to making our community a better place to live.

The competition and recognition is open to youth in grades 5-12 (ages 10-18 years) residing in Southeastern Michigan. We are looking for those special youths, regardless of race, social and economic background, who are making genuine contributions, excelling in school, serving their community and/or engaged in constructive activities.

We request your support and assistance with identifying youths in your school, community and/or church who have demonstrated commitments to “doing the right thing”. All completed nomination forms should be returned to:

**Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan–
DTRT Competition & Recognition
Family & Community Development Center
15770 James Couzens
Detroit, Michigan 48238**

Applications can be submitted by eligible youth or second parties (e.g. teachers, counselors, friends, classmates, parents, religious leaders, community leaders, neighbors, etc.), and must be received in the ULDSEM office by no later than **Friday, November 9, 2012**, in order to be considered for the award. Applicants under the age of 18 years must obtain the signature of a parent/guardian before submitting the application. Applications may be accompanied by supporting materials, (i.e. resumes, copies of awards, certificates, letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, report cards, etc.), including a photograph.

All nominees will receive two complimentary tickets to our **47th Annual Guild Gala** to be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2012**. The 2012 “**Do the Right Thing**” winners will be announced during this luncheon. All nominees will receive an official invitation in the mail once we have received a completed application. Thank you for your support and assistance as we reinforce the positive behaviors of deserving youth in our community. Please do not hesitate to call (313) 832-4600 Ext.15137 should you have any questions, concerns or desire more information. You can also email your questions to Ms. Shelita Richmond at srichmond@deturbanleague.org.

"DO THE RIGHT THING"

Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan
Youth Development & Educational Initiatives

Celebrating Youth Who
"DO THE RIGHT THING"
2012 Official Nomination Form

Forms Must Arrive At Our Office No Later Than:
Friday, November 9, 2012

Return Form To:

Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan
Family & Community Development Center
c/o "Do The Right Thing"
Nomination Committee
15770 James Couzens
Detroit, Michigan 48238-1049



Urban League of Detroit
& Southeastern Michigan

*Empowering Communities.
Changing Lives.*

Questions?
(313) 832-4600
Ext. 15137 or 15133



CELEBRATING YOUTH WHO “DO THE RIGHT THING” AWARDS

History of the “Do The Right Thing” Awards

In 1996, the National Urban League launched a nation-wide initiative to celebrate young people who are achieving in schools, church, their communities, etc. Everyday, millions of youth are trying their very best to “do the right thing”, yet their stories are seldom told. Subsequently, not enough adults or media acknowledge the positive contributions and behaviors young people make in our community. The Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan's Celebrating Youth who “**Do The Right Thing**” Award is designed to acknowledge these young people for setting a positive example for their peers and their contributions to making our community a better place to live.

Eligibility

The contest is open to youth in grades 5 - 12 and ages 10 - 18 years, who reside in Southeastern Michigan. We are looking for young persons, regardless of race, social or economic background, who are making genuine progress, excelling in school, or are engaged in constructive activities and/or community services.

Nominating Process

Applications will be accepted from eligible youth or through a second party (e.g. teachers, counselors, friends, classmates, parents, religious leaders, community leaders, neighbors, etc.) **Please select only ONE category per application and provide supporting documentation. APPLICATIONS WITH MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY SELECTED, WILL BE CONSIDERED INELIGIBLE. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SHOULD ONLY RELATE TO NOMINATING CATEGORY.**

Application Procedure

Applications must be received and in the Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan office by no later than **Friday, November 9, 2012**, to be considered for recognition. Applicants under the age of 18 years must obtain the signature of a parent/guardian before submitting the application. Applications may be accompanied by supporting materials, (i.e. resumes, copies of awards, certificates, letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, report cards, etc.), including a photograph.

Selection Process

The recipients of the **2012 “Do The Right Thing” Awards** will be judged on the basis of their contributions through general community service, academic achievement, performing arts, athletics, leadership, heroic deeds, technology, citizenship and/or beating the odds. **No more than 5 pages please. An application without supporting documentation will be considered incomplete and deemed ineligible.** Final selection will be made by the Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan 2012 “Do The Right Thing” Awards Committee.

Awards Ceremony

All 2012 “Do The Right Thing” nominees will be invited to the Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan's 47th Annual Guild Gala to be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2012**, where the 2012 “Do the Right Thing” winners will be announced. All nominees will receive an official invitation in the mail once eligible and completed applications have been received.

Application {Part I}

Nominating Information {Please Print}

Check One: Self Nomination { } Second-Party Nomination { }

Nominee Contact Information	Nominator Contact Information
Nominee: _____	Nominator: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____	City: _____
Telephone: _____	Telephone: _____
Date of Birth: _____	Date of Birth: _____
School: _____	School: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Zip Code: _____	Zip Code: _____
Graduation Year: _____	Graduation Year: _____
Student: _____	Student: _____
Parent: _____	Parent: _____

application is incomplete and/or supporting documentation is not submitted, application will be considered ineligible.

- ✓ Supporting documentation should only relate to nominating category.
- ✓ If supporting documentation does not relate to nominating category the application will be considered ineligible.
- ✓ Please attach a photo of nominee.
- ✓ All material received becomes the property of the Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan.
- ✓ Completed application must be received no later than 5:00 PM on **Friday, November 9, 2012.**

Mail to:
Urban League of Detroit & Southeastern Michigan
Family & Community Development Center
C/o "Do The Right Thing" Nominating Committee
15770 James Couzens
Detroit, Michigan 48238-1049

Application {Part 2}

Specifics of Nominee's Contributions and Accomplishments

[Check **ONLY ONE** Category]

If more than **one category** is selected, application will be ineligible. Please answer all the questions based to the nominee's activities in their respective category.

Leadership { }

Academic Achievement { }

Beating the Odds { }

Technology { }

Heroic Accomplishments { }

Performing Arts { }

Athletics { }

Community Service { }

Citizenship { }

Personal Background

Most significant accomplishments that happen in nomination category:

Honors/awards received in nominating category:

Volunteer efforts you participated in based on your nominating category:

Organizations/Clubs/Religions Affiliations/Positions held: (please list the name of the affiliation, position held and responsibilities i.e., president, vice-president, secretary, captain, co-chair):

Future aspirations/goals as it relates to nominating category: (Are you planning on attending college and seeking a profession that relates to your nominating category? If so please explain).

Other related information to support nomination in your selected category: (Please feel free to share any additional information you feel is pertinent about your skills or talents as it relates to the nominating category).

Please feel free to attach additional pages, however they will count towards your 5 page maximum.