

Mentor Nomination Criteria

May the Month for Children Awards recognize the important contributions of mentors in the lives of children.

Two outstanding mentors will be chosen from each of the eight school regions in the Commonwealth. Where possible, one mentor who has helped children from Kindergarten through sixth grade and one who has contributed to youth from seventh through twelfth grade will be selected from each region. There will be a maximum of sixteen (16) mentors honored.

We invite neighbors, peers, teachers, and other community residents to nominate a worthy mentor who has significantly contributed to the growth and development of an individual child/youth or group of children. **The mentoring activity must be OUTSIDE OF any work/job-related responsibility. This mentoring must have taken place between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006.**

Please submit your nomination according to the following criteria:

1. The person nominated must be an adult (18 years or older and out of high school) who has contributed to the "good" or "achievement" of a child or young person in Kindergarten through grade 12 and the person nominated must be a resident of Virginia.
2. **The nomination package must include:**
 - a) A biographical sketch of the nominee (one paragraph only);
 - b) A description (no more than two pages) of the **service** the mentor has made to the community by working with children and youth; **where** and **when** the **contribution** took place and the **duration** of the activity; and
 - c) Two additional attachments, such as letters of support, newspaper articles, and awards.
3. **The completed May the Month for Children Awards Nomination Data Form must be attached to the front of the nomination package. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.**
4. **Deadline** for nominations:
Postmarked by February 2, 2007.
5. Please send nominations to:
May the Month for Children Awards – Mentor
c/o Nancy Taylor
7981 Kenmore Drive
Mechanicsville, VA 23111; OR
E-mail to: nttaylor@aol.com

History and Mission

The 1995 General Assembly resolved that May of every year is the Month for Children in Virginia. The 1997 General Assembly passed a bill, amending the Code of Virginia, making May officially, in perpetuity, The Month for Children in Virginia. The State Code 2.2-3320, states: The month of May shall be designated as the "Month for Children" in Virginia to focus on children's special contributions to family, school, and community; to counter the manifold ills that afflict children in the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world; and to encourage the citizens of Virginia to rededicate themselves and to redouble their efforts to improve the lives and ensure the futures of children everywhere.

A May the Month for Children in Virginia Task Force was formed whose mission is to: Provide a yearly forum to recognize and appreciate children, youth and their mentors for the good they do, and to create awareness throughout the Commonwealth of the unheralded contributions they make to the communities in which they live and learn. To support this mission, May the Month for Children presents the May the Month for Children Awards – Honoring Virginia Children/ Youth and Mentors each year. Nomination forms are distributed statewide to ask citizens to nominate a child/youth or mentor from their community who has made a difference in their community' or a difference in the life of a child/youth. The recognition is divided into two grade categories – K-6 and 7-12 – and one child/youth and mentor is selected from each category in each of the eight educational regions in the State.

May the Month for Children in Virginia is a 501(c) (3) non- profit organization. Capital One has served as a major contributor.

Since 1997, the first year awards were presented, one hundred and fifty-one (151) children and mentors have been honored. The winners have received a certificate of recognition, signed by the sitting Governor, recognition in their community, and a special gift.

The May the Month for Children Task Force

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