

Walter B. Arnold Jr.
Youth Hall of Fame Awards

Student Name: _____

School Name: _____

Grade: _____

Check list:

_____ Typed application using 12 point font

_____ Question #1 Service log

_____ Question #2 & #3 (A-F) Major Service

_____ Letter of recommendation from community service supervisor

_____ Signatures on Student Information and Media Release Project Form

_____ Documentation – no more than 5 pages

_____ 6 copies of complete application package (1 original and 5 copies)

_____ 2 x 3 inch color photograph (headshot) no photocopies or e-mailed pictures will be accepted

_____ Original photos of volunteer activities

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One of the traits of visionaries is that they have an eternally youthful outlook on life and Walter B. Arnold Jr. was no exception. Born on October 2, 1914, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, he was 85 years young when he died in Miami on May 9, 2000. For the greater part of his adult life, Mr. Arnold championed youth. He admired the creativity, the dreams, and the accomplishments of young men and women still in school. He wanted to recognize and reward these talented young people. Mr. Arnold was graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Business Administration. His career brought him to Miami where he worked 62 years with Aetna Life Insurance. His community service brought him to the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, known for many years as the Youth Fair.

He joined the Fair's Board of Directors in 1959 and served on it until his death – an amazing 41 years of voluntary service to one organization. During this time, Mr. Arnold was Fair President for five years and also served as secretary, treasurer, and general manager. He became Miami-Dade County's first resident to be elected president of the Florida Federation of Fairs. In 1989, the State Federation named him Fair Person of the Year. He was recognized throughout Florida for helping building the state's fair industry.

Mr. Arnold lived by his philosophy: "We were born into this world without paying for a whole lot of things. Our payment can be what we do for other people". His entire life was devoted to youth programs, community service, and the celebration and recognition of youth achievers.

His ongoing journey to build an ever-improving Miami-Dade County Fair ended before he could fulfill his ultimate dream: the creation of a Youth Hall of Fame. To recognize Mr. Arnold's outstanding contributions, visions, and standards of excellence, and to help this rare individual accomplish his dream – the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Board of Directors officially established the Walter B. Arnold Jr., Youth Hall of Fame by resolution on May 8, 2000.

Procedures:

1. The entry form must be typewritten using a 12 point font.
2. School and/or community service must be documented on the service log provided. Format and headings may not be changed or altered.
3. You are allowed 5 pages of support documents (i.e., letters, awards, and news clippings) in addition to the application form.
4. Provide original photographs of you performing volunteer activities. All photographs submitted with your application will become the property of the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition. These photos may be used for publication, the Youth Wall of Fame, and a presentation during the awards program. No scanned or photocopies will be accepted. You may submit photos on disk.
5. Two letters of recommendation must be included in the application: one letter from your school (i.e. principal or head administrator, guidance counselor, or teacher) and one letter from the person who oversaw, or directed your major service project.
6. Submit six copies of the application form; the typed original and five photocopies. Provide one **original 2 x 3 inch color headshot photograph** of yourself. **No scanned or photocopies will be accepted.**
7. All Walter B. Arnold Jr., Youth Hall of Fame Award applications must be submitted to the designated person at your school. One school finalist is to be submitted by your school coordinator by **Tuesday, December 15, 2009** to Ms. Diana Venturini, 1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Room 776, Miami, FL 33132 (School Mail #9619). For further information, please send an e-mail to: info@youthhalloffame.org.
8. Projects that have finalized in previous years for their Regional Center may not be re-entered.

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1. List service performed in the community, and/or service performed in your school. Complete the attached service log. Please begin with the most recent dates.

Make sure to answer the following questions 2 and 3(A-F) under separate heading in essay form (maximum three pages).

2. In essay form, summarize your project and explain why it had a significant impact on your school and/or community.
3. Please address each section below.
 - A. What part did you play in the above service project?
 - B. Why did you become involved in this type of service?
 - C. Was this project a new or an existing project?
 - D. What did you learn from the activity?
 - E. Did this project change your view towards participating in service to others? If yes, please explain how.
 - F. What are your plans in the future as a result of this project?

**WALTER B. ARNOLD JR., YOUTH HALL OF FAME
STUDENT INFORMATION AND MEDIA RELEASE FORM**

Name _____ Age _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

E-mail address _____

School _____ School Phone _____

Grade _____ Region _____

Walter B. Arnold Jr., YHOF Fame Coordinator _____

I certify that all information included in this application are true. The essay is my original work and all documents are authentic. I understand that any information contained in the application may be used for publication. I understand that by submitting this application I consent to the usage of my likeness and name.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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Principal's or Head Administrator's Approval: I certify that to the best of my knowledge, all statements made by this applicant and faculty member in reference to school-related activities are true.

Principal's or Head Administrator's Name _____
Print

Signature

Date