

2009 - 2010
JOE KORDICK YOUTH
CHARACTER AWARDS

PRESENTED BY CHARACTER COUNTS! IN MARTIN COUNTY
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WHAT IS THE JOE KORDICK YOUTH CHARACTER AWARD?

The Joe Kordick Youth Character Award honors worthy young people who embody the “Six Pillars of Character” — **Trustworthiness**, **Respect**, **Responsibility**, **Fairness**, **Caring** and **Citizenship**.

And, rather than spotlighting isolated acts of heroism, generosity or academic grades, the Joe Kordick Youth Character Award was conceived to recognize those students whose lives and achievements demonstrate an enduring commitment to the Six Pillars of Character and to any or all of the following qualities associated with good character:

- **Uncompromising integrity and courage demonstrated by a willingness to do the right thing despite social pressures or personal risk**
- **Generosity of spirit and willingness for self-sacrifice in devotion to helping others**
- **Community service in working for the common good**
- **Perseverance and inner strength enabling the young person to overcome physical, financial, or other difficulties**

AWARD INFORMATION

High School Award – Each high school award recipient will receive a \$1,000 cash award.

Middle School Award – Each middle school award recipient will receive a \$100 savings bond.

WHAT ARE THE NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS?

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Award nominees must be sixth, seventh or eighth grade students or graduating twelfth grade students attending a qualified Martin County middle or high school at the time the awards are announced.

Qualifying middle and high schools must have an active CHARACTER COUNTS! program and a designated CHARACTER COUNTS! school representative.

Schools that qualify include:

High Schools: Clark Advanced Learning Center, Jensen Beach High, Martin County High, Sandy Pines, South Fork High, and Stuart Community High

Middle Schools: Dr. David L. Anderson Middle, Hidden Oaks Middle, Indiantown Middle, Murray Middle, and Stuart Middle

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The award nominee's life and achievements must convey an enduring commitment to the Six Pillars of Character and one or more of the before-mentioned qualities associated with good character.

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Student contact information, including mailing address and social security number, is required for all award recipients and will be requested at time of selection.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Nomination forms and complete guidelines may be downloaded at www.charactercounts.net or by contacting Holly Laiben at 283-4800.
- Nominations will be accepted from all school and school district staff, students, and the community-at-large. Students, however, may not nominate themselves.
- The nomination deadline is 4:30PM, Monday, November 9, 2009.

SELECTION PROCESS

- A committee comprised of CHARACTER COUNTS! Advisory Board members will review nominations and determine which nominees will be invited to apply for the award.
- An Invitation to Apply with application instructions will be mailed to selected nominees in mid-November with applications due 4:30PM, Friday, December 11, 2009.

SELECTION PROCESS (continued)

- The Selection Committee will review and score the applications.
- From the pool of high school applications received, finalists will be selected and interviewed by the Selection Committee in mid-January 2010.
- Middle and high school award recipients will be notified in mid-February 2010.

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

- Award recipients, their families and schools will be recognized at the Joe Kordick Youth Character Award Ceremony in March.
 - Tuesday, March 23, 2010
 - 7:00PM – 8:30PM
 - Wolf High-Technology Center, Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Stuart

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