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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager 

**DATE:** April 15, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of the Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award

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**Fiscal Implications:**

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award was designed to publicly recognize two exceptional high school students – one from Manhattan Beach and one from a Los Angeles County urban school – who wish to pursue a higher education, are currently striving to meet that goal, and have a determination to work within their community as well as other communities to build common ground, friendship and understanding. This award program was initiated and is administered by Councilmember Mitch Ward. This is the fourth year the award will be given.

**DISCUSSION:**

The names of the two recipients of the award will be announced at the City Council meeting on April 15, 2008.

Attachment: Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award Brochure

## Eligibility

Must be a junior or senior student at Mira Costa High School or a Los Angeles County District High School.

## Selection Criteria

Proven academic ability, commitment to the pursuit of a higher education, economic hardship, public service to the community, and determination to work with other communities to build common ground, friendship and understanding.

The selection process will not be influenced by external considerations such as religion, race, ethnicity, sex or sexual orientation.

## To Apply

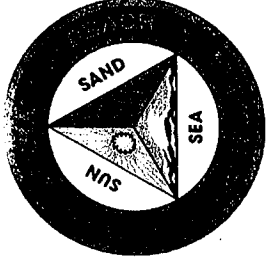
Submit the following:

- 1) A resume which includes academic grade point average.
- 2) A 400 word essay detailing how you have worked within the community to build common ground, friendship and understanding and how you intend to continue those efforts in the future.

**Submit to:** Councilmember Mitch Ward  
Manhattan Beach City Hall  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

**Questions?** Please contact Councilmember Mitch Ward:  
(310) 372-4357 Visit website at:  
[mward@citymb.info](mailto:mward@citymb.info) <http://www.citymb.info>

**All Materials Due No Later Than:**  
5:00 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2008



# 2007-2008 Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award



Application due by 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, March 31, 2008

# The Award

# 2006-2007 Award Recipients

The Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award was designed to publicly recognize two exceptional high school students - one from Manhattan Beach and one from a Los Angeles County urban school - who wish to pursue a higher education, are currently striving to meet that goal, and have a determination to work within their community as well as other communities to build common ground, friendship and understanding.

The Manhattan Beach City Council supports this program through public recognition of the selected students. Commitments from wonderful local sponsors financially assist chosen students with the pursuit of their academic studies.

The Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award program administrator, Manhattan Beach Council member Mitch Ward, is working with local education professionals, civic leaders, and civic organizations, to identify two qualified high school juniors or seniors this school year. Each student will receive this year's award for their academic and public service excellence. This year's recipients will be recognized at the April 15, 2008 City Council meeting.

In May 2007 the City Council awarded two Youth Recognition Awards. Each recipient was awarded \$3,500 and was publicly recognized at a City Council meeting. Here's what last year's recipients had to say:

*"Thank you City of Manhattan Beach, this award means a great deal to me."*

Kelly Shambaugh

Mira Costa High School

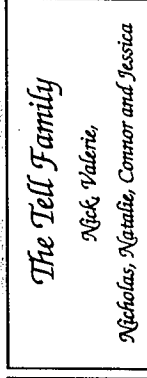
*"I feel very honored and fortunate. I will use this award to begin my college education to pursue my teaching career."*

Maria Sanchez

Jefferson Alternative School

## 2006-2007 Award Sponsors

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