



Agenda Item #: _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Cohen and Members of the City Council

FROM: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

DATE: April 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

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 a common ground, friendship and understanding. This award program was initiated and is administered by Councilmember Mitch Ward. This is the fifth year the award will be given.

DISCUSSION:

The names of the two recipients will be announced at the City Council meeting of April 21, 2009.

Attachments: A. 2009 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 <http://www.citymb.info>

All Materials Due No Later Than:
5:00 p.m., Monday, March 30, 2009



2008-2009 Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award



Application due by 5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 30, 2009

The Award

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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 Councilmember 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 21, 2009 City Council meeting.

2007-2008 Award Recipients

In April 2008 the City Council awarded two Youth Recognition Awards. Each recipient was awarded \$3,850 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." Matthew Eric LeBow

Mira Costa High School

"I'm so grateful for the opportunity to go to college and be a role model to my younger sisters."

Dayci Espinosa

John C. Fremont High School

2007-2008 Award Sponsors

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