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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

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

**FROM:** Richard Thompson, Interim City Manager

**DATE:** April 20, 2010

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

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**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 Mayor Mitch Ward. This is the sixth year the award will be given.

**DISCUSSION:**

The names of the two recipients will be announced at the City Council meeting of April 20, 2010.

Attachments: 2010 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:** Mayor Mitch Ward  
Manhattan Beach City Hall  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

**Questions?** Please contact Mayor Mitch Ward:  
(310) 372-4357  
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Visit website at:  
<http://www.citymb.info>

**All Materials Due No Later Than:**  
5:00 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2010



# 2009-2010 Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award



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Monday, March 22, 2010



# 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 Mayor 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 20, 2010 City Council meeting.

# 2008-2009 Award Recipients

On April 21, 2009 the City Council awarded two Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Awards of \$3,875 and publicly recognized each recipient;

**Sam Hein**

Mira Costa High School

**Ciara K. Williams**

California Academy of Math & Science

Mitch Ward personally sponsored the first ever 2009 Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award "Honor Student" and awarded \$1000 to;

**Antonio Flores**

Pueblo de Los Angeles Alternative School

Many Thanks to our 2008-2009 Sponsors!



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