

Alton Community Relations Commission announces Altonians of the Year Awards

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ALTON - The Alton Community Relations Commission is pleased to announce the first annual Altonian of the Year Awards. The Altonian of the Year Awards recognize outstanding dedication and contribution to the Alton community while demonstrating exemplary civic pride and a commitment to social justice.

Nominations for the Altonian of the Year Awards may be made in four categories: Citizen of the Year (18 years old and up), Youth of the Year (under 18 years old), Business of the Year, and Public Servant of the Year (e.g., police officer, firefighter, public works, etc.). Nominees should be individuals who have given freely of their time

for community betterment and who are an inspirational role model for the Alton community. There are no restrictions relating to gender, race, religion or ethnic background.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Alton City Clerk's office and must be returned to the Alton City Clerk's office (101 E. Third Street) no later than 5:00pm on December 1, 2016, to be eligible. Nominees must be residential citizens of Alton, Illinois, and the achievement(s) on which the nomination is based must occur between December 1, 2015, and November 30, 2016.

Also, an electronic version can be downloaded from the Alton Community Relations Commission Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AltonCRC) or from the City of Alton website (www.cityofaltonil.com). The forms can also be found below.

ALTONIAN OF THE YEAR

The **Altonian of the Year Awards** recognize outstanding dedication and contribution to the Alton community while demonstrating exemplary civic pride and a commitment to social justice.

1. Complete the identification information for the nominee.
2. Answer all the questions on the form. Keep in mind that the more facts, figures, and examples you provide, the better the Selection Committee will get to know the person being nominated and this increases the likelihood of being selected as an Altonian of the Year.
 - Include as much information as possible as to why the nominee should be recognized.
 - You may answer the questions directly or by providing supporting documents.
 - You may answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form.
3. Sign the form as nominator and include your phone number.
4. Please return nomination forms to the City Clerk's office (101 E. Third Street Alton, IL 62002).
5. Nomination forms must be received no later than December 1, 2016, to be eligible.

Criteria for the Altonian of the Year Awards

1. Nominees must be residential citizens of Alton, Illinois.
2. There are four categories for Altonian of the Year:
 - Citizen of the Year — 18 years old and up
 - Youth of the Year — Under 18 years old
 - Business of the Year
 - Public Servant of the Year — E.g., police officer, fire fighter, public works, etc.
3. The achievement(s) on which the nomination is based must occur between December 1, 2015, and November 30, 2016, to be eligible.
4. Nominee is:
 - an individual who has given freely of their time for community betterment;
 - an individual who is an inspirational role model for the Alton community;
 - an individual from any walk of life.*(There are no restrictions relating to gender, race, religion or ethnic background.)*
5. Nominations should be based on excellence in one or more of the following areas:
 - Active involvement in community work and/or service clubs/church groups outside of their place of employment or educational facility
 - Positive impact in the Alton community
 - Personal commitment to the benefit of the Alton community
 - Outstanding achievement or act of heroism
 - Overcoming significant personal adversity
 - Positive and inspiring personal attributes that serve to encourage others

Only information that is included with the nomination will be used in determining award winners. As part of your nomination, you are welcome to include testimonials, brochures and letters of reference, or any other documents that support the nomination.

Award winners will be recognized at the first Alton City Council meeting in January 2017.

ALTONIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Deadline: Please return this form to City Clerk's office (101 E. Third Street Alton, IL 62002) no later than 5:00 pm on December 1, 2016.

I AM NOMINATING:

Nominee's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Award (circle one): Citizen Youth Business Public Servant

Based on the criteria stated, why are you nominating this individual?

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Nominator's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Nominator's Job Title (if applicable): _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

If extra space is needed, please feel free to use lined paper and attach to your nomination.