City of Bloomington
2008 Mayor's Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement

Purpose: Bloomington has a tradition of volunteer and civic service. Civil servants are renewing their commitment to helping others and making greater networks that unite us as a community. The purpose of the Mayor's Award for Civic Engagement is to acknowledge Bloomington residents, who, through their commitment to service, have significantly improved civic life in Bloomington, Indiana. Through civic engagement, recipients of this award personify the notion of "public good vs. private gain." Civic engagement is defined as the following: individual and collective actions designed to identify and address issues of public concern. Civic engagement can take many forms, from individual volunteerism to organizational involvement to electoral participation. It can include efforts to directly address an issue, work with others in a community to solve a problem, or interact with the institutions of a representative democracy.

Nominee Criteria and Eligibility:
Awards may be granted to individuals/groups from all walks of life and all sections of the community who have made a positive difference in Bloomington. We are looking for people/groups with exemplary civic service and community involvement. The number of awards available is strictly limited and therefore, however valuable their service, not everyone can receive recognition. It is important to realize that an award will not automatically be granted following a submission. An award from each category will be granted at the discretion of the Mayor.

Award Categories:

- Individual –
  - Young Adult (age 25 and under)
  - Adult (age 26 and over)
- Group –
  - Student (Primary: Elementary, Middle, and High School ; Secondary: University/ College)
  - Community-based

** Individual Nominees must be residents of Bloomington; Group Nominee's must perform work or services within the Bloomington city limits*

Process Recommendations: Individuals and groups may be nominated by community members, community-based organizations, or by City of Bloomington staff, commission and committee members. An independent Civic Engagement Award selection task force will review all nominations and submit top five nominations in each category to the Mayor for final selection. Awards will be announced/presented at ceremony in April, 2009.

Application Instructions: Please accurately complete the nomination form and follow the instructions in each section closely. It is important that you provide as much information as possible about your nominee, and explain their actual contribution and impact. You may use additional sheets of paper, but please ensure that you state to which section the additional information you are providing relates. Please feel free to send in examples of the Nominee's work (e.g. videos, photographs, books), provided supporting material does not exceed five items and/or pages. Please note that all application materials will remain property of the City of Bloomington and will not be returned.

5.Confidentiality Agreement- *The information contained in this nomination is strictly confidential and will not be communicated to any person other than those involved in the administration of the Mayor's award with the exception of background information provided, which may be used in association with the announcement of the recipient or and promotion of the award.*

Please submit <u>four</u> hard copies or an electronic copy by 5:00pm Friday, January 5, 2009:

Community & Family Resources Department
City of Bloomington
401 N. Morton St., Ste. 260
Bloomington, IN 47404
safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov

Nomination for the 2008 Mayor's Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement

Please clearly print or type the following details about the person you are nominating. You must ensure that all sections of this form are completed or your application will be incomplete and unable to be processed.

Applicant Information					
Last Name		**First**		**M.I.**	
Street Address				**Apartment/ Unit #**	
City		**State**		**ZIP**	
Primary Phone		**E-mail Address**			
Secondary Phone		**Age**			
Category	**Young Adult ___ Adult___ Group____**				

Nominator Information					
Last Name		**First**		**M.I.**	
Street Address				**Apartment/ Unit #**	
City		**State**		**ZIP**	
Primary Phone		**E-mail Address**			
Secondary Phone					

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Date:

THE RECOMMENDATION

In this section, please set out details of how the nominee has made a significant contribution in their area of activity in the City of Bloomington. You may attach the recommendation separately. Please outline in no more than 2 pages double spaced) the following:

- Level/Length of civic engagement in the city
- Personal commitment to civic participation
- Significance of influence or change in the city
- Perseverance despite barriers (economic, social, physical, political)
- Actions for which an individual or group is nominated produced tangible, meaningful results for the community
- Areas in which nominee has excelled
- How the Nominee demonstrated service worthy of recognition

Additional sheets of paper supporting documentation, not to exceed 5 pages, may be provided