



I – THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WALTER B. ARNOLD, JR.

Walter B. Arnold Jr. admired the creativity, dreams and accomplishments of our community's youth and wanted to recognize and reward these talented young people. His community service brought him to The Fair where he joined the Board of Directors and served an amazing 41 years. He served as The Fair's president, secretary, treasurer and general manager. He was named Fair Person of the Year by the Florida Federation of Fairs and was recognized throughout Florida for helping build the state's fair industry.

Arnold lived by his philosophy: *"We were born into this world without paying for a whole lot of things. Our payment can be what we do for other people."* He was devoted to youth programs, community service and the celebration and recognition of young achievers.

In 2001, The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Board of Directors officially established the Youth Hall of Fame Community Service Award to honor the vision and dream of Walter B. Arnold, Jr.

The Walter B. Arnold, Jr. Youth Hall of Fame Community Service Award is open to all middle and high school students in public, private, parochial and home schools in grades 6 - 12.

WALTER B. ARNOLD, JR. YOUTH HALL OF FAME COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION

Application Deadline:
Friday, December 19th, 2025

II – APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1. The entry form must be typewritten using a 12-point font.
2. School and/or community service must be documented on the service log provided. Format and headings may not be changed or altered. Please begin with the most recent dates.
3. You are allowed 5 pages of support documents (i.e., letters, awards, and news clippings) in addition to the application form.
4. Two letters of recommendation must be included in the application: one letter from your school (i.e., principal or head administrator, guidance counselor, or teacher) and one letter from the person who supervised or directed your major service project.
5. Submit four copies (the typed original and three photocopies) of the application form.
6. **Project must be from current year.**
7. Applications must be submitted to the designated person at your school. One school finalist is to be submitted by your school coordinator **by Friday, December 19th, 2025**, to Claudia Hernandez, Exhibits Director, THE FAIR, 10901 Coral Way, Miami, Florida 33165. For further information, email: chernandez@fairexpo.com
8. Finalists from previous years may not submit the same project.
9. Open to all Miami-Dade County middle and high school students in public, private, charter and home school in grades 6 - 12.
10. Applications are for individual entries only.

III – APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Summarize your community service project by answering each question below in paragraph form (limit 2 pages):

1. Describe your community service project.
2. What part did you play in the above service project?
3. Why did you become involved in this type of service?
4. What did you learn from this project?
5. What are your plans in the future as a result of this project?
6. Who did your community service project impact, and how did they benefit?

IV – APPLICANT'S INFORMATION AND MEDIA RELEASE FORM:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Apt.# _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Email: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Phone: _____

Youth Hall of Fame Coordinator: _____

Coordinator's E-mail: _____

I certify that all information included in this application is true. The essay is my original work, and all documents are authentic. I understand that any information contained in the application may be used for publication. I understand that by submitting this application I consent to the usage of my likeness and name. From time-to-time photographs are taken during The Fair and during events at the fairgrounds. These photographs may be used for publicity purposes. By signing your application, you are giving the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. permission to use such photographs at their discretion without compensation to or prior approval from you.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal's or Head Administrator's Approval: I certify that to the best of my knowledge, all statements made by this applicant and faculty member in reference to school-related activities are true.

Principal/Head Administrator's Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Office Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

V – SERVICE LOG:

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VI - CHECK LIST:

Student Name: _____

School Name: _____

Grade: _____

- Typed application using 12-point font
- Service Log
- Application Questions - Paragraph Form (Limit 2 pages)
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Completed Application Information and Completed Media Release Project Forms
- Supporting Documents (max 5 pages)
- Photos of volunteer activities
- 4 copies of complete application package (1 original and 3 copies)