

Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services

Outstanding Youth of Shrewsbury Award

What is Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services?

Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Inc. (SYFS), formerly known as Shrewsbury Community Services, Inc. (SCS) is the Town of Shrewsbury's private, non-profit human service agency and primary provider of social services for Shrewsbury families – regardless of their ability to pay. Since its inception in 1983, the agency has expanded its focus to respond to the changing needs of the Shrewsbury community.

The mission of SYFS is to work in collaboration with local organizations to provide counseling and education services to strengthen and enhance the lives of Shrewsbury families. Over the past 20+ years, SYFS has built strong community partnerships with town government, the police department, schools, churches, and other social service organizations to provide professional counseling, education, and social support services. These partnerships enhance our ability to create a safety net to support those individuals, children, and families most in need.

What is the Outstanding Youth of Shrewsbury Award?

In an effort to recognize the strengths and qualities of teens in the Shrewsbury community, SYFS has created this award to be presented at the 2nd annual Gala event on March 11, 2006. The award recognizes teens, who reside in the town of Shrewsbury, who have showed an exceptional commitment to volunteering in their community for the good of others. This particular student is a role model to his or her peers and an inspiration to those who have faced challenges or obstacles in their lives.

Who is eligible to win the award?

Any student of grades 9-12 who is a resident of Shrewsbury. The student does not have to attend school in Shrewsbury, but must be a resident. The volunteer work does not have to be limited to work in Shrewsbury in order to be considered. For example: fund-raising for the Jimmy Fund, Cancer Society, etc. A total of 8 students will be selected for this award. Awards in various forms will be presented to each winner.

How is a student nominated?

Anyone can nominate the student. This can be a teacher, parent, clergy member, neighbor. Nomination forms are available on the SYFS website at: www.shrewsburyyfs.org; at the office of SYFS at 240 Maple Avenue; at various locations around town such as the library, Town Hall; Shrewsbury High School and St. John's; can be e-mailed to you by request to: jchin@townisp.com. Nominations to be sent to SYFS, Attention: Christine Hilditch at 240 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

What is the nomination deadline?

All nominations must be received by December 5, 2005.

How, where, and when will the awards be presented?

The award recipients will be invited to the SYFS Awards Gala on March 11, 2006 at Indian Meadows in Shrewsbury, MA where they will be presented with their awards. Tickets to the Gala will be available for purchase through SYFS and information will be available on the SYFS website.

Who do I contact with questions?

You can contact Chris Hilditch or Jeffrey Chin at 508-845-6932.

The Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services Gala Committee would like to extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation for your time in considering this important initiative to recognize the achievements of our youth in Shrewsbury.