



AMY BIEHL YOUTH SPIRIT AWARD 2006

NOMINATION PACKET

CELEBRATING AND HONORING
THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 3:00PM / Friday, February 17, 2006





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The Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award was founded in 1993 to recognize young people in New Mexico who have stepped out to bring positive change to their communities and/or to the world at large. Nominations for the annual Award are evaluated on the basis of evidence of the nominees' vision, initiative, and dedication in service to others. The Award goes to young people who have initiated volunteer work and service and are already making a difference. Our hope is to challenge them to greater heights of service through the recognition of the Award and exposure to Amy Biehl's life and work.

Amy Biehl, a graduate of Santa Fe High School, went to South Africa in 1993 at the age of 26 as a Fulbright Scholar to help that country's leaders develop a new constitution. While conducting voter registration for South Africa's first all-race election that ended the policies of apartheid, she was killed in a moment of confusion by an angry mob. The Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award was created by New Mexico Voices for Children to honor Amy Biehl and to acknowledge other New Mexico youth who have made outstanding contributions in the public interest.

All nominees will receive recognition and a certificate at a public ceremony. A Selection Committee of youth, adults, and community leaders will designate three finalists and a winner. Along with an award sculpture, the finalists and winner will each receive \$1,000.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

Nominations that do not meet the following criteria or provide enough detailed information will not be considered.

- Young people ages 13 - 26 are eligible.
- Nominator must not be related to the nominee.
- Nominee must have volunteered—within the last 12 months—specifically in the area of community involvement, service, or outreach. The entire body of the nominee's volunteer work will be considered.
- Nomination must be typed, with answers to the three questions written in essay form on sheets attached to the Nomination Form.
- Only one nomination per nominee is permitted.
- Groups may not be nominated.
- Please do not list academic achievements or unrelated awards.
- Please do not include letters of recommendation.

NOMINATION CHECKLIST

*Please submit **all** of the following documents **together** to the address on the Nomination Form by **3:00PM on Friday, February 17, 2006**. Nominations received after that date will not be considered.*

Nomination Form	<i>(with answers to questions on separate sheets attached)</i>
Nominee Biography	<i>(to be written by nominee)</i>
Nominee Statement	<i>(to be written by nominee)</i>
Nominee Release	<i>(to be filled out and signed by nominee/guardian)</i>
Nominee Photograph	<i>(5x7 provided by nominee)</i>



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NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name _____ Birth Date _____

Nominee Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Nominee Phone _____ Nominee E-mail _____

Nominee Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

Nominator Name _____

Nominator Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Nominator Phone _____ Nominator E-mail _____

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

Type your answers to the following three questions and attach those sheets to this form.

- 1. How do you know the nominee?**
- 2. Describe the volunteer community action or service in which the nominee has been involved during the past 12 months:**
 - (a) details about the nature and impact of the volunteer work or service performed by the nominee,
 - (b) the average number of hours per week that the nominee volunteers and the time frame in which the nominee has been committed to these activities,
 - (c) the amount of the volunteer work or service done at the nominee's own initiative.
- 3. How has this young person inspired you?**

Completed nominations—including all five items listed in the nomination checklist—must be received at the following address by 3:00PM on Friday, February 17, 2006.

NEW MEXICO VOICES FOR CHILDREN

ABYSA Nomination

2340 Alamo SE, Suite 120

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

Phone: (505) 244-9505 or (888) 671-KIDS Fax: (505) 244-9509 E-mail: dsanchez@nmvoices.org



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NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

and photograph

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE ONLY

Nominee Name _____ Date _____

*In this box, please type a brief biography of your life and service to others.
Return this sheet with a 5x7 photograph of just yourself to your nominator,
who will send them to us with the other nomination materials.*





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NOMINEE STATEMENT
TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE ONLY

Nominee Name _____ Date _____

Type within this box your answer to the following question and return this sheet to your nominator, who will send it to us with the other nomination materials.

What do you find personally rewarding about your service to others?



In a single sentence, state why your volunteer work is important to you.

