



24TH ANNUAL AMY BIEHL YOUTH SPIRIT AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018, 5PM

ABOUT AMY BIEHL

Amy Biehl, a graduate of Santa Fe High School, understood that she had a duty to give back—to make life better for others who were not so fortunate. To that end, Amy went to South Africa 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—the election that would end apartheid—she was killed in a riot.



ABOUT THE AWARD

The Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award was founded by New Mexico Voices for Children in 1993—the year that she passed away. The award honors Amy’s commitment to serve by celebrating young people in New Mexico who have stepped up to bring positive change to their communities and the world at large through community service.

WHO’S ELIGIBLE?

- New Mexico youth ages 13-26 demonstrating a commitment of community service.
- New Mexico youth that served their community between **May 1, 2017 - April 27, 2018**.
- New Mexico youth previously not awarded Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award.

*Groups may not apply.

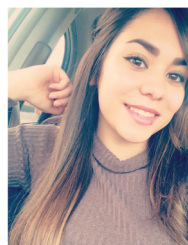
HOW TO APPLY

- Complete application at www.nmvoices.org/amybiehl
- Submit complete application along with a photo by **5pm on April 27, 2018**. (See reverse side for details.)

AWARDS

- A total of \$3,000 in cash awards will be given out to two age groups: 13 - 18 and 19 - 26.
- Two first place awards in the amount of **\$1,000** will be given to one person in each age group.
- Two second place awards in the amount of **\$500** will be given to one person in each age group.

For the purposes of this award, **community service** consists of either advocacy or volunteering. **Advocacy** is working to influence public policy on issues impacting people and communities. Activities might include media campaigns, public speaking, and talking to your elected officials or school officials. **Volunteering** involves the giving of your time and talents to improve the quality of life for others. The beneficiaries of volunteer work may suffer from socio-economic disparities, discrimination based on race or ethnicity, physical ability, gender or some other difference, or the lack of opportunities or resources to improve their lives. Volunteerism is not mandatory nor can result in any kind of monetary reward.



2017 1st place winners: Natalie Chambers, age 19, and
Janelle Astorga, age 21.



2017 2nd place winners: Isabella Baker, age 18, and
Avery Aguilar, age 24.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ **A**PPPLICATION AND RELEASE
Submit application and media release online, or download and print application and release form and send it via mail. Visit www.nmvoices.org/amybiehl to access the documents.
- ✓ **A**UTOBIOGRAPHY
Please write an autobiography (600 words or less) about your efforts to make your community a better place. Include work between May 2017 and April 2018. Please include the following information:
 - Where you currently attend school and/or work.
 - The nature of your community service work.
 - Personal experiences that led you to take up your cause.
 - What you find personally rewarding about your service to others.
- ✓ **L**ETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
Please include one letter of recommendation from an adult who either oversaw your advocacy or volunteer work or is a current or former teacher of yours.
- ✓ **P**HOTO
Should you be selected for an award, your photograph will be shared with the news media so it needs to be of reproductive quality. Please do not send a photocopy or fax the image to us. Mail a 5x7 print or email a JPG or GIF (no smaller than 300 dpi at 5x7). Please make sure it is labeled with name and phone number.
- ✓ **S**UBMISSION
Please submit ALL pieces of the nomination packet together by **5:00pm on Friday, April 27, 2018**. Incomplete or late applications cannot be considered. You can send or drop-off your nomination packets to:

New Mexico Voices for Children
Amy Biehl Award Application
625 Silver Ave SW, Suite 195
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Email: Barbara Mike at bmike@nmvoices.org
Fax: 505-244-9509
- ✓ **A**WARDS PRESENTATION
Awards will be presented on Monday, June 25, 2018 at our 6th annual KIDS COUNT Conference at the Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward Pl NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

THANK YOU, GOOD LUCK, AND PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

AMY BIEHL YOUTH SPIRIT AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out this form and sign it. *Please write legibly!*

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

AMY BIEHL YOUTH SPIRIT AWARD MEDIA RELEASE

I _____ (print your name), hereby grant New Mexico Voices for Children (NM Voices) permission to use my likeness, voice, picture, and name for print, radio, television broadcast, and electronic media, including NM Voices' website, anywhere throughout the United States and the world and to edit such material on film, audiotape, or videotape for the purpose of promoting NM Voices, and the Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award.

I hereby attest that I have read and agree to the above statement on this _____ day of _____ (date)

_____, 2018
(month)

(your signature)

If you are under 18 years of age, the signature of your parent or guardian is also required:

(parent or guardian signature)

(date)

(parent or guardian printed name)

DON'T FORGET:

- ✓ Autobiography (600 words or less)
- ✓ 5x7 photo
- ✓ Letter of recommendation
- ✓ Application submission deadline is **5:00pm on Friday, April 27, 2018**