

**Deadline
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Annual Award for Excellence in Youth Employment Service

...preparing young people for the world of work

The Dakota-Scott Youth Council in partnership with Dakota Electric Association and Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce a request for nominations for the Excellence in Youth Employment Services Awards to be presented to an organization or program, an employer or an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to and effectiveness in preparing young people, ages 14-21, in Dakota or Scott County for the world of work. Two awards will be given: one representing Dakota County and one representing Scott County.

A committee appointed by the Dakota-Scott Youth Council will review nominations in the following categories:

1. An outstanding organization or program, operating in and for Dakota or Scott County, that is primarily dedicated to the purpose of directing young people to progressive employment opportunities, building work-related skills in young people and preparing them for success in employment; or
2. An outstanding Dakota or Scott County employer who consistently hires young people and has demonstrated a practice of mentoring young people in employment, through skill and personal development, toward long-term success. This employer may be an organization that demonstrates such practices or an individual within a larger organization who has personally undertaken to achieve these ends; or
3. An outstanding individual, residing in Dakota or Scott County, who has exhibited exemplary leadership in advocating and working for youth employment and preparation for the workplace. Such an individual must be shown to have made a significant and measurable impact on the community through personal effort and commitment beyond the parameters of any organization. This work must have been accomplished in Dakota or Scott County and have benefited Dakota or Scott County youth.

Nominations must be submitted by 2:00 p. m. Friday, December 7, 2007, to:

Marguerite Kirchhoff
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Please use the nomination form provided, attaching additional pages as indicated.

The recipient of this award of \$500 will be announced on Friday , December 21, 2007.

Individuals and organizations may self nominate. A nomination form is attached and is also available on the Dakota County Youth Council web site:

<http://www.mnwfc.org/dakota/wib/youthcouncil.htm>

**Excellence in Youth Employment Service Award
Nomination Form**

Name of nominee			
Location of Nominee	Dakota County	Scott County	
Nominated as: circle one	An organization/program ?	an employer ?	an individual?
Address			
City		Zip code	
Phone		Work phone	
FAX		E-mail	
Company/ Organizational affiliation			
Position			

Nominated by:	Complete if different from above
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Name	
Phone	Work phone
FAX	E-mail
Company/ Organizational affiliation	
Position	

Is nominating person a member of the Dakota-Scott Youth Council?	Yes?	No?
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Describe the work of the nominee. Include the length of time the nominee has been working on behalf of youth employment and the impact this work has had on youth of the community. Provide specific numbers and examples. Describe the importance that this work represents to the individual or organization. Include any innovative practices that are part of youth employment services and mention any community recognition that has occurred. **Use up to two additional pages.**

List names and phone numbers-e-mail addresses of two individuals who can tell us more about the nominee's commitment to young people in the world of work.

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