

New Jersey Clean Communities
Environmental Ambassador

The Trustees for the New Jersey Clean Communities Council are seeking nominations for the New Jersey Clean Communities Environmental Ambassador for 2011-2012. Nominations are open to residents of New Jersey who attend school in grades K-12th in New Jersey. The successful candidate must demonstrate qualities of leadership and commitment to the environment through the planning and implementation of a project related to litter cessation and the proper handling of waste. Project/s must be student-driven but have at least one adult sponsor. Student must have permission from a parent or guardian to participate.

Criteria:

- Extent to which the nominee spearheaded the project
- Environmental need
- Positive impact on the target population and long-term environmental impact
- Extent to which goals accomplished?
- Extent to which student engaged partners in accomplishing goals
- Innovation
- Soundness of plan or rationale if applicable

Please complete the nomination form below. Nomination form must be mailed to the Clean Communities Council, 222 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608. Nomination form may be supplemented with documentation such as news clips, photos, and/or letters of endorsement.

Nomination Form

(1)

Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Age _____ Grade _____

(2)

Name of Parent and/ or Guardian

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(3)

Name of Sponsor _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(4)

Summary

Attach the project description. Address the evaluation criteria. (8 ½ x 11- inch paper; no more than 500 words)

Background

The Clean Communities council's Environmental Ambassador program began in may 2009 when Quamir Payton, 9-year-old resident of East Orange and student at Gordon Parks Academy, accepted the title. Payton is credited with spearheading the statewide Slam Dunk the Junk campaign in April 2007 when he addressed a crowd of public officials and reminded everyone to Slam dunk the Junk, use trash cans and recycling bins, and keep litter off the ground. In June 2010, Payton accepted an award winning check from Ringling Barnum in the amount of \$1,000 and gave it back to the City of East Orange to maintain the city's eco-garden. The Environmental Ambassador for 2010-2011 is Miranda Pawline, a resident of Delanco, who spearheaded a recycling drive in the local school, municipal buildings and surrounds to keep plastic bags out the Delaware River where she lives. It is in the spirit of giving back, that the Clean Communities Council is seeking just the right candidate for the 2011-2012 New Jersey Clean Communities Environmental Ambassador.