



Tucker Civic Association's 2014 Student of the Year Award

Tucker Civic Association is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization dedicated to making Tucker a better place to live, work and play. TCA monitors land use and zoning applications in our community; co-sponsors meetings to promote public safety with DeKalb County police and fire stations; helps clean up and improve local parks and greenspaces; conducts monthly "Give An Hour" volunteer community service projects; and holds at least three community meetings a year on topics affecting Tucker. For the past five years TCA has sponsored a "Rivers Alive" event that has drawn 300 to 400 volunteers to clean up local waterways. Our motto is "Partners in the Progress & Preservation of Tucker." We promote the concept that a resident in a community has a duty to protect and improve that community by doing volunteer community service.

We work to promote that concept among students. Our "Give An Hour" projects, held once a month, usually on a Saturday morning, have drawn volunteers including elementary, middle and high school students.

Our object in presenting a Student of the Year Award is to honor a graduating senior from Tucker High School who has embodied the spirit of community service. The award includes a plaque and a \$300 scholarship check.

The nomination process is simple. Someone writes a short essay explaining why this particular senior deserves the award. The essay should describe who the student is and define the student's work in community service.

What is community service? Working as a reading mentor at an elementary or middle school is greater community service than being a member of the high school band. Regularly visiting seniors in an assisted living facility is a greater community service than succeeding as a member of the football team. Going on church youth missions to a homeless shelter will be ranked higher than organizing the prom. Attending many of the TCA Give An Hour projects will count more than being on the school math team.

A teacher can write the nomination for a student. The student can write a nomination for himself or herself. A parent, friend or other student can write a nomination.

REQUIREMENTS: Someone must write a short essay explaining why a particular senior deserves the award. The nomination can be mailed to: Student of the Year, Tucker Civic Association, P.O. Box 1916, Tucker GA 30085, or the nomination can be emailed to Beth Ganga at vicepresident@tuckercivic.org. **IMPORTANT:** each nomination must list the name and phone number of the person submitting the nomination, and the name and phone number of the nominated student. The nomination must be postmarked or emailed by Friday, May 2.

JUDGING: Tucker Civic Association will have a committee review the nominations and vote for the winner. The winner will be presented a plaque and the \$300 scholarship check at Tucker Civic Association's May membership meeting on May 19.

For more information, email vicepresident@tuckercivic.org.