

# Dr. Richard "Doc" Derstine Youth Award Contest

The Dr. Richard "Doc" Derstine Youth Award was established to honor outstanding youth who have demonstrated a commitment to their communities and is open to all youth groups, such as 4-H clubs, scout troops, school and church groups, and civic service club youth organizations from elementary school through grade 12.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible, all projects must involve youth in planning and implementation and must have a major impact on one or more townships of the second class in Bucks County (governed by a board of supervisors). Eligible projects must have been undertaken during the year of 2020.

Eligible projects include such activities as community beautification, cleanup and fix-up of buildings and litter cleanup projects; direct services to residents of the community, such as the elderly, children, the underprivileged, the disabled and hospitalized patients; fund-raising projects for worthy causes within a township; soil and water conservation, environmental protection and recycling; voter registration; safety; recreation; and blood donation and first aid.

## **Guidelines**

All program entries must be nominated and submitted by their local township chairperson. The BCATO Executive Board will select a winner, who will win a \$500 cash award and be recognized at the organization's Annual Fall Meeting held – TBD.

Please see the attached application.

The deadline for completed applications is Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> - Two hard copies must be submitted via mail to BCATO at the following address:

Bucks County Association of Township Officials

P.O. Box 856

Doylestown, PA 18901

Special Note: BCATO purposely constructed its contest to be similar to our State Association's PSATS. As a result, one hard copy will be retained by BCATO for its contest and the other hard copy will be mailed by BCATO to PSATS for entry into their 2020 contest - the winner of that contest receives \$500 and statewide recognition.

For questions about the BCATO contest, please contact Stacey Mulholland at (215) 669-4815 or at [executivedirector@bcato.org](mailto:executivedirector@bcato.org).