



BCATO YOUTH SERVICE AWARD 2025

BCATO Youth Award honoring Dr. Richard “Doc” Derstine

Dr. Richard “Doc” Derstine, long-time West Rockhill Township Supervisor, Past BCATO President, and Past PSATS President, served his township, Bucks County, and eventually represented the interest of Township Supervisors statewide. He was a beloved community servant and this 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, scout troops, school and religious groups, and civic service 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 townships of the second class in Bucks County (governed by a board of supervisors). Eligible projects must have been undertaken during the contest year, from July 31 to June 30.

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. Also eligible are fund-raising projects for worthy causes within a township; conservation, environmental protection, and recycling initiatives; 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 of a \$500 cash award and be recognized at the organization’s Annual Convention. Please see the attached application. The deadline for completed applications is October 31, 2025.

Municipality _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Chairperson _____

Applications must be received by October 31, 2025. Copies must be submitted to:

Executive Director

Bucks County Association of Township Officials

P.O Box 1200

Doylestown PA 18901

Special Note: You may also email completed applications to: executivedirector@bcato.org. BCATO purposely constructed its contest to be similar to our State Association's PSATS. As a result, one copy will be retained by BCATO for its contest and the other copy will be mailed by BCATO to PSATS for entry into their contest - the winner of that contest receives \$500 and statewide recognition.

For questions about the BCATO contest, please contact Laurie Courter at executivedirector@bcato.org.

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