



The Youth Work Foundation

INSPIRING GOOD CITIZENSHIP
since 1946

Good Citizen Day and the Union League Good Citizenship Award

How It Started:

Good Citizen Day started in 1946 as a way to recognize high school students from the Greater Philadelphia region who consistently demonstrate good citizenship, and encourage them to become active and informed adult citizens. These many years later, Good Citizen Day maintains those same program goals. Community organizations and clubs that work with youth nominate students for the Good Citizenship Award. Every year close to 300 students gather for the day to meet one another, listen to interesting speakers and debate important issues about the rights and responsibilities of being a good citizen.

What the Day Holds for You:

Good Citizen Day will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. It is an all-day program that starts at 9:00am and concludes at around 8:30pm at The Union League of Philadelphia. In the morning session, you will sit in small groups for fun “ice-breakers,” role playing and discussion about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. After lunch, the whole group will travel to City Hall. At City Hall, you will participate in interactive programs in the Mayor’s Reception Room, City Council Chambers and in the Court Rooms. A team of adults will accompany you throughout the day, participating in the activities with you. After City Hall, everyone returns to the Union League for a reception and evening banquet. The banquet will consist of good food, good conversation with old & new friends and raffle prizes. The highlight of the evening is the presentation of the Good Citizenship Award medals and certificates to you and the other nominees.

Transportation:

You are responsible for your own transportation to the Union League in the morning and for your return trip home in the evening. Feel free to reach out to other nominees as you may be able to car pool or take public transportation together. Please plan to arrive in the morning at 8:30am. The program will begin promptly at 9am and conclude around 8:30pm.

School:

Most schools will count this day as an excused absence when provided with the enclosed letter. This document, addressed to your principal/head of school, notifies them of your award and describes Good Citizen Day.

Parents:

We regret that we cannot accommodate parents to join for any portion of Good Citizen Day. However, the evening banquet will be available through live streaming. Please visit www.unionleague.org or www.ulheritagecenter.org to access the livestream on May 16. The livestream will become active only shortly before the dinner begins at 6:00pm. In addition, you and your family will be invited to come back to the Union League in the fall for a special program, *Good Citizens’ Family Appreciation Day*.

Security:

At City Hall, everyone will go through metal detectors. You will not be allowed to bring anything with you to City Hall, except a **photo ID which is required for entrance**. Anything that you bring for the day will be stored in a secure area at the Union League during the afternoon program. You will retrieve those items once you return to the League for the reception and evening festivities. Leave your heavy backpacks at home, and bring only what you absolutely need for the day! **Remember, a photo ID is the only thing you are required to bring.**

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