



## CORA Services 2018 Classroom Champion The James F. Harron Award/Scholarship

**Purpose:** The CORA Classroom Champion Scholarship was established to reward an extraordinary high school student who has received services from CORA. CORA's mission, rooted in care and compassion, is to assist children, youth, and families experiencing emotional, academic or social challenges which impede their development and productivity. Often, in carrying out this mission through our daily work, we encounter students who have overcome serious adversity. The James F. Harron Classroom Champion Award, named in honor of CORA's longtime president and CEO, was initiated to recognize the type of student CORA exists to serve and acknowledge their progress and success in the classroom and beyond.

CORA seeks nominees that have achieved notable academic progress and/or made significant contributions to their school or community.

**Amount:** A \$1,000 (non-renewable) payment will be made to the high school, college, university or trade school of the recipient's choice to supplement their tuition. The scholarship will be awarded at CORA's Annual Champions for Children Event on November 2018 at the Union League of Philadelphia.

**Eligibility:** To be considered for the CORA Classroom Champion Award, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a high school junior or senior during the 2017-2018 academic year
- Must have received some type of services from CORA
- Must be in good academic standing with an average of at least 80%
- Must exhibit the qualities of leadership, faith, compassion, optimism, courage and call to service that CORA's Founder, Sister Charity Kohl, embodied and cherished
- Must obtain a parent or guardian's signature approving CORA to publicize their name and photograph on CORA's website and social media sites
- A Recommendation Letter describing what makes that student a "Classroom Champion" must be submitted on their behalf. The James F. Harron Classroom Champion Awardee will be expected to attend CORA's Champions for Children Celebration and publically accept their award.

**Deadline:** Nominations must be submitted to CORA Services by Friday, May 18, 2018. Please email all nominations to [rmcgongle@coraservices.org](mailto:rmcgongle@coraservices.org) or hand deliver to Rachel McGonigle – 3rd Floor, Administration, CORA Services, 8540 Verree Road, Philadelphia, PA 19111.

The Scholarship selection committee will include a member of the CORA Services administrative team, a representative of the CORA School Services Division, a representative of the CORA Community Services Division, and a Member of CORA's Board of Directors.

CORA Services and CORA's Board of Directors reserve the right to rescind the gift if it is determined that the awardee has behaved in a way that does not align with CORA's mission of care and compassion.

## **CORA Classroom Champion Nomination Form 2018**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2017-2018) \_\_\_\_\_

High School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Principal's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

CORA Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

**CORA Counselor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University/Trade School you plan on attending (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

That school's address:

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Please include this form and the following item to complete your nomination:

- **A Recommendation Letter** must be submitted from a CORA staff member or another staff member at the nominee's school.
  - The recommendation letter must describe why this student should be considered a "Classroom Champion". What challenges has this student faced and how has CORA helped this student to overcome adversity?

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