



The High Sheriff of Shropshire's Outstanding Young Citizen Awards 2021

Dear Group Leader

I am writing to you in connection with nominations for The High Sheriff's Outstanding Young Citizen Awards, which this year is being organised on my behalf by Shrewsbury Colleges Group.

Now in its sixteenth year, the awards is a great way to **showcase and celebrate the many endeavours carried out by young people in our communities**. By participating in activities within school and the wider community, young people gain the experience to develop the skills to cope with life and the challenges which it brings.

These awards recognise **young people aged 18 years and under who live in Shropshire and have demonstrated commitment to citizenship through various activities**, either as an individual or as part of a group. Parents, guardians, group leaders and teachers will join nominees at an online virtual celebration where the overall winners for the education authorities of both Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin will be revealed.

Outstanding Young Citizens come in many guises and below are a few examples of previous nominee's work. It is not an exhaustive list and nominations will of course be accepted for other activities:

- fund-raising and charity events
- peer monitoring or youth work
- volunteering
- community radio and newsletters
- conservation volunteer activities
- recycling and debates on environment issues
- projects to improve the school or local neighbourhood
- caring on a regular basis
- interpreting English
- managing family finances
- enterprise projects and work experience
- serving on school or youth council
- writing to an MP or newspaper
- mock parliaments or elections and campaigns or debates about political issues
- international exchanges
- activities to do with consumer or legal issues

I welcome and encourage all schools, colleges, youth groups and related organisations throughout Shropshire and the Borough of Telford & Wrekin to **nominate their young people** whose permanent residence is in the county and who go above and beyond for their community, charity, family or friends.

Nominations should be submitted online using the link below between **Monday 2nd November 2020 and Thursday 25th February 2021**.

The virtual awards night will be held on **Thursday 18th March 2021**.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Blackhurst at Shrewsbury Colleges Group in the first instance, ruthb@shrewsbury.ac.uk or 01743 342662.

[HSYC Awards Nomination Form](#)

I do hope that your organisation will take part in recognising the excellent work of the next generation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dean Harris JP
The High Sheriff of Shropshire