

# Nomination Form

Please nominate a Topeka or Shawnee County citizen to be considered for a character recognition certificate. Good character is the inward motivation to do what is right whatever the cost. Think of how the character quality recognized significantly improves the health, safety or quality of life of the community. See the back of this form for the 49 character qualities recognized by the Topeka City of Character.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Character Quality Exhibited: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why you think this individual should receive an award for exhibiting good character that has significantly improved the health, safety or the quality of life of the community.

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Selection of candidate for award will be made by a Character Review Committee on behalf of the Character Recognition Council. This program is a joint effort of the Safe Streets Coalition of Topeka and Shawnee County and Topeka City of Character.

Submitted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

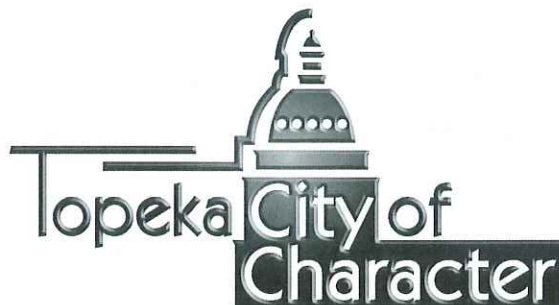
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send nomination forms to:

**Topeka City of Character**  
**PO Box 152**  
**Topeka, KS 66601-0152**



***Good Character is the key to success!***

**Attentiveness vs. Distraction**  
Showing the worth of a person or task by giving my undivided concentration.

**Availability vs. Self-centeredness**  
Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I serve.

**Benevolence vs. Selfishness**  
Giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward.

**Boldness vs. Fearfulness**  
Confidence that what I have to say or do is true, right and just.

**Cautiousness vs. Rashness**  
Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions.

**Compassion vs. Indifference**  
Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others.

**Contentment vs. Covetousness**  
Realizing that true happiness does not depend on material conditions.

**Creativity vs. Underachievement**  
Approaching a need, a task, or an idea from a new perspective.

**Decisiveness vs. Procrastination**  
The ability to recognize key factors and finalize difficult decisions.

**Deference vs. Rudeness**  
Limiting my freedom so I do not offend the tastes of those around me.

**Dependability vs. Inconsistency**  
Fulfilling what I consented to do, even if it means unexpected sacrifice.

**Determination vs. Faintheartedness**  
Purposing to accomplish right goals at the right time, regardless of the opposition.

**Diligence vs. Slothfulness**  
Investing my time and energy to complete each task assigned to me.

**Discernment vs. Shortsightedness**  
Understanding the deeper reasons why things happen.

**Discretion vs. Simplemindedness**  
Recognizing and avoiding words, actions, and attitudes that could bring undesirable consequences.

**Endurance vs. Discouragement**  
The inward strength to withstand stress and do my best.

**Enthusiasm vs. Apathy**  
Expressing joy in each task as I give it my best effort.

**Faith vs. Presumption**  
Confidence that actions rooted in good character will yield the best outcome, even when I cannot see how.

**Flexibility vs. Resistance**  
Willingness to change plans or ideas according to the direction of my authorities.

**Forgiveness vs. Rejection**  
Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and not holding a grudge.

**Generosity vs. Stinginess**  
Carefully managing my resources so I can freely give to those in need.

**Gentleness vs. Harshness**  
Showing consideration and personal concern for others.

**Gratefulness vs. Unthankfulness**  
Letting others know by my words and actions how they have benefited my life.

**Honor vs. Disrespect**  
Respecting those in leadership because of the higher authorities they represent.

**Hospitality vs. Loneliness**  
Cheerfully sharing food, shelter or conversation to benefit others.

**Humility vs. Pride**  
Acknowledging that achievement results from the investment of others in my life.

**Initiative vs. Idleness**  
Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it.

**Joyfulness vs. Self-pity**  
Maintaining a good attitude even when faced with unpleasant conditions.

**Justice vs. Corruption**  
Taking personal responsibility to uphold what is pure, right, and true.

**Loyalty vs. Unfaithfulness**  
Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to those I serve.

**Meekness vs. Anger**  
Yielding my personal rights and expectations with a desire to serve.

**Obedience vs. Willfulness**  
Quickly and cheerfully carrying out the direction of those who are responsible for me.

**Orderliness vs. Confusion**  
Arranging myself and my surroundings to achieve greater efficiency.

**Patience vs. Restlessness**  
Accepting a difficult situation without giving a deadline to remove it.

**Persuasiveness vs. Contentiousness**  
Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks.

**Punctuality vs. Tardiness**  
Showing esteem for others by doing the right thing at the right time.

**Resourcefulness vs. Wastefulness**  
Finding practical uses for that which others would overlook or discard.

**Responsibility vs. Unreliability**  
Knowing and doing what is expected of me.

**Security vs. Anxiety**  
Structuring my life around that which cannot be destroyed or taken away.

**Self-control vs. Self-indulgence**  
Rejecting wrong desires and doing what is right.

**Sensitivity vs. Callousness**  
Perceiving the true attitudes and emotions of those around me.

**Sincerity vs. Hypocrisy**  
Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives.

**Thoroughness vs. Incompleteness**  
Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected.

**Thriftiness vs. Extravagance**  
Allowing myself and others to spend only what is necessary.

**Tolerance vs. Prejudice**  
Realizing that everyone is at varying levels of character development.

**Truthfulness vs. Deception**  
Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts.

**Virtue vs. Impurity**  
The moral excellence evident in my life as I consistently do what is right.

**Wisdom vs. Foolishness**  
Seeing and responding to life situations from a perspective that transcends my current circumstances.