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## AARON COHN CITIZENSHIP AWARD

A project of the Aaron Cohn Citizenship Award for Aaron Cohn Middle School Fund at the Community Foundation

### Award Availability and Guidelines – 2018

The Application Form is available online at [cfcv.com](http://cfcv.com).

Complete applications must be received at the Community Foundation (not postmarked) by 5 p.m. on April 13, 2018.

#### BACKGROUND

The Aaron Cohn Citizenship Award was established by Dr. David and Jane Cohn Kulbersh of Columbia, South Carolina, daughter and son-in-law of Judge Aaron Cohn, to recognize the qualities that Judge Cohn most admired.

Born and raised in Columbus, Georgia, Judge Aaron Cohn presided over the Juvenile Courts of the Chattahoochee Judicial District for almost 50 years. He spent his life helping to guide the youth of Columbus toward respectful and productive lives and

believed in the importance of encouraging young people to be engaged in and loyal to their school and community. The Aaron Cohn Citizenship Award is awarded annually to honor an Aaron Cohn Middle School eighth grade student for their civic awareness, scholastic achievements, and community service.

This award seeks to inspire students to become active citizens while giving back to their communities because civic responsibility developed at an early age usually continues throughout a lifetime.

#### OVERVIEW

The Aaron Cohn Citizenship Award recognizes one eighth grade student from Aaron Cohn Middle School who demonstrates the qualities of active participation in civic and community activities, good scholarship and school involvement.

The selected student will be recognized at the annual Aaron Cohn Middle School awards ceremony and will receive a check for \$1,000 and a personal plaque presented by an Aaron Cohn family member. Additionally, the award recipient's name will be inscribed on a permanent plaque located in the Aaron Cohn Middle School lobby.

A check for \$1,000 will also be given in honor of the award recipient to the Principal's Emergency Discretionary Fund at Aaron Cohn Middle School.

#### ELIGIBILITY AND AWARD CRITERIA

Applicants must be eighth grade students currently enrolled at Aaron Cohn Middle School.

The following criteria will be considered when selecting the award recipient:

- Volunteer service to the community (service to health care facilities, senior groups, shelters, daycare centers, etc.)
- Involvement in citizenship or character-building organizations
- A good scholastic record
- Strong moral character
- Participation in student government programs and school activities
- Demonstration of school loyalty and spirit
- Leadership qualities that motivate others to action for the benefit of the community.

#### TIME SCHEDULE

Application Available	Completed Applications Due	Scholarship Announcement
Monday, March 5	Friday, April 13, 5 p.m., CFCV Office	Aaron Cohn Middle School Awards Night

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Please type or neatly print your responses on this form. Alternately, you may download the form to complete it electronically at cfcv.com.

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Be sure to have reviewed the **Fund Guidelines**, also available at cfcv.com.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
Month/Date/Year

Permanent home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street

City County State Zip code

Home telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY INFORMATION

Please list the adults who have legal rights and responsibilities toward you. If you wish, you may list on an attached sheet step-parents and/or other adults with whom you reside, or who otherwise help care for you. You may also list additional deceased parents.

Parent/Guardian 1:  Mother  Father  Legal Guardian

Parent/Guardian 2:  Mother  Father  Legal Guardian

Last/Family First/Given Middle Title (Mr., Ms. Dr., etc.)

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Home address **if different** from yours

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Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Marital Status (relative to each other)  Never married  Married  Widowed  Separated  Divorced

With whom do you make your permanent home?  Parent/Guardian 1  Parent/Guardian 2  Both  Other (detail below)

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

In the space below, please list all volunteer services you have provided to your community. Attach additional page only if necessary.

Organization/Activity	Dates of Service	Your Contribution

**CITIZENSHIP**

In the space provided below, please list any involvement in citizenship or character-building organizations.

Organization/Activity	Dates of Service	Your Contribution

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

In the space below, please list school and student government activities in which you have participated during the past three years. Attach additional page only if necessary.

Activity	Years Active	Approx. time spent outside of class		Leadership positions, awards, recognition, etc.
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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

Please attach to this application your response to the following questions. Answers should be the applicant’s own words. Typed responses are encouraged, but not mandatory.

1. What does good citizenship mean to you and what in your life has motivated you to become a good citizen? (350 words or less)
2. Give an example or examples of how you might encourage or motivate your fellow students to become better students or citizens. (250 words or less)
3. What would be your plan for the use of the \$1,000 cash award if you should be selected the winner?
4. Describe an idea for a project for the ACMS student body to promote good citizenship for the Columbus community. No idea is considered too small or too big. (50 words or less)

Example: Have a party and an annual appreciation day for the Columbus Police Department for their service.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that all information submitted in the application process is my own work, factually true and honestly presented. I understand that I will forfeit my candidacy for the Aaron Cohn Citizenship Award should any of the information I’ve certified be false. If selected to receive the award, I agree to the use of my name, likeness and information contained in my application by the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley and Aaron Cohn Middle School without further compensation or notification.

Also by signing below, I hereby release Aaron Cohn Middle School to provide a copy of my transcript to the Aaron Cohn Citizenship Award Selection Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SEND COMPLETED MATERIALS TO**

Aaron Cohn Citizenship Award Selection Committee  
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