

The Vern Vick Memorial Award

Selection Criteria

Objective

This award is dedicated to the memory of Vern Vick, a widely respected member of his community, an inspirational leader and role model in the field of youth development. Throughout his life Vern dedicated himself to working with and improving the lives of Ramsey County's youth through his long-term involvement in education as well as his participation in organizations and activities designed to develop the full potential of our County's youth.

Establishment and Purpose

This award shall be made to an individual who has contributed to the support and empowerment of Ramsey County's youth through personal, academic or career development. **Our youth have experienced unique and disproportionate challenges as a result of COVID-19. This year, the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County's Youth Committee would like to recognize an individual or individuals who have had a significant impact of the lives of youth and young adults during the pandemic.** The recipient will be recognized by the Chair of the Youth Committee at a Youth Committee meeting and presented with a plaque of achievement at a WIB meeting. The names of all honorees are also displayed on a plaque exhibited at the Workforce Solutions office in Ramsey County.

Eligibility and Award

- Nominations can be submitted by, or on behalf of, an individual, including (but not limited to) juvenile justice, education providers, staff from youth-serving or community-based organizations, elected officials, or youth themselves.
- The Youth Committee will particularly consider achievements of:
 - Excellence and innovation in services to youth
 - A positive impact on the quality of life of youth
 - Encouragement of community involvement in supporting youth
 - Creation of an environment where youth are empowered
 - Leadership and determination by youth
 - Preparing youth for work
- One or more individuals may be selected to receive the Vern Vick Memorial Award each calendar year.
- The Youth Committee will act as the selection committee for this award and will pass on a final recommendation to the Workforce Innovation Board's Executive Committee.
- Upon approval by the Executive Committee, the recipient will be presented with the award, as outlined above.

This award is subject to change through action by the Ramsey County Youth Committee.