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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**** March 22, April 12, May 23, OR June 21 - Partnership for After School Education (PASE)** will be holding a free training for DYCD-funded providers: *Good Touch/Bad Touch: Child Abuse Identification & Reporting*. It will be held at PASE, 120 Broadway, Suite 3048, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. In the first part of this workshop, participants will learn how to identify physical and behavioral indicators of child abuse and maltreatment. The workshop will also cover when and how a report must be made, actions the reporter is mandated or authorized to take, legal protections afforded reporters and consequences for failing to report. The second part of this workshop will focus on teaching participants how to set appropriate boundaries between themselves and the young people with whom they work in order to protect children and themselves. This workshop satisfies School-Age Child Care licensing requirements. All participants will receive certificates upon completion of the workshop. Please register online at: <http://www.pasesetter.com/interactive/trainingform.html>

****March 31 - Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)** applications will be available on the DYCD Web Site: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>; the deadline to submit an application is May 30, 2006.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****Family Literacy Services and Adolescent Literacy Services Request for Proposals (RFP)**

To address the need for comprehensive literacy services, DYCD will shortly be releasing a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for Family Literacy Services and Adolescent Literacy Services. On February 6, DYCD released an application for the New York City Adult Literacy Initiative. The new adolescent literacy initiative will address the literacy needs of youth in grades 6-8, critical years in a student's education. These programs will assist students to acquire the literacy skills they will need to succeed in school and in their adult lives. Please monitor the scroll bar at the right side of the DYCD Web site for the impending announcement of the RFP release: www.nyc.gov/dycd.

****Proposed Cuts in Federal and State Funding Cause for Concern**

On February 6, 2006 the Bush Administration released its proposed FY 2007 budget. Two proposals directly impact DYCD: the elimination of funding for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and a 15% reduction to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) employment and training funds.

DYCD is the recipient of \$30.6 million in CSBG funding which supports 200 community-based organizations (CBOs) providing essential human services to combat poverty, empower people to achieve self-sufficiency, revitalize low-income communities, and provide emergency services to residents in need. In addition, CBOs were able to leverage CSBG funding to add an additional \$38 million as well as enlisting volunteer services valued at \$14.5 million. The elimination of CSBG funding would devastate New York

City's low-income neighborhoods by totally eradicating the tools residents need to attain self-sufficiency and reduce poverty.

Not only would WIA funding be cut, under the Administration's proposal WIA formula funds would be consolidated with Employment Service funds, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit and Labor Market Information funds to create individual Career Advancement Accounts(CAAs.) The states would be mandated to use 75% of these consolidated funds for CAAs, 3% for administrative costs and the remainder (22%) for basic employment services. This action would effectively eliminate services for in-school youth - including summer jobs and internships, drop-out prevention services, post-secondary and career opportunity initiatives for high school students.

On January 17, 2006, Governor Pataki presented his proposed Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget. Similar to last year, the Governor did not provide a separate budget allocation for SYEP and proposed consolidating funding for summer youth jobs within the Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS), which is a block grant to the localities for Temporary Aid to Needy Families dollars (TANF) services. For summer 2005, DYCD received \$14.5 million in State TANF dollars, which supported more than 11,000 summer jobs. In order to enroll the comparable number of youth in summer 2006, DYCD would need a total of \$52 million, an increase of \$5 million from last year's budget. This increase is to help meet the raise in minimum wage from \$6.00 to \$6.75.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****Cultural After School Adventures Grants to Offer Enhanced Arts Programming**

On February 13, DYCD announced that 84 grants would be issued to cultural organizations across the City to partner with OST providers. These grants, a result of the partnership between DYCD, the Department of Cultural Affairs and the New York City Council, will offer a unique opportunity to combine the talents, skills and assets of the City's youth-serving and arts and cultural organizations. These activities will run through June 30, 2006.

****Orientation Held for CAPITAL 2006 Program**

On February 22 and 23, over 100 youth who were selected by DYCD's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) providers participated in orientations for this summer's inaugural CAPITAL 2006 Program (Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training, and Leadership). This initiative is a public-private collaboration to connect young people with strong work skills to private sector jobs. The orientations featured presentations by Steve Malin, Assistant Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Rev. Alphonso Wyatt, Vice President of the Fund for the City of New York, among others. The nominees are registered for DYCD's upcoming work readiness workshops, which are a prerequisite to their participation. To date, DYCD has secured placements in the financial, marketing and retail industries, and will continue to conduct extensive outreach to additional private sector prospects.

****ICC Holds Strategic Planning Meeting on Disconnected Youth**

On February 23, the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC), coordinated by DYCD, held a strategic planning meeting on "Developing Effective Programs and Services for Disconnected Youth" at the CUNY Graduate Center. Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott, chairperson of the ICC, addressed the attendees.

The ICC members heard from a panel of service providers and their clients - young people who are turning their lives around through education and employment training. The panel included representatives from Covenant House, CUNY Prep, Friends of Island Academy, Latino Pastoral Action Center, and The Door. In addition, the NYC Economic Development Corporation introduced the Comprehensive Neighborhood Economic Development (CNED) Initiative targeted to Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. Attendees reflected on how their agencies could enhance services to disconnected youth, improve coordination with other agencies, and support the CNED program. DYCD will compile the attendees' suggestions and recommendations into a report to be utilized by the ICC's Disconnected Youth Workgroup in the development of a model program for disconnected youth.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The **Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention's** *Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth* was established to support the development and enhancement of mentoring programs for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, reentry, and foster care. The initiative seeks to promote collaboration among community organizations and agencies committed to supporting mentoring services for such system involved youth. Its objective is to identify effective mentoring programs and determine how to enhance and expand these approaches for system involved youth. The application deadline is April 17. To access the full notice, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=8115>

The **Student Social Venture Fund** at **NYU Stern** has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) from youth-serving educational organizations based in New York City working to support underserved teens through direct service or advocacy efforts. The Fund will give preference to community-based organizations, schools and after-school programs. Eligible projects include those that specifically involve advocacy/organizing activities and/or capacity-building activities that will further the organization's ability to work effectively with youth ages 13-19. Additionally, the applicants must show willingness to form a collaborative partnership with the Fund; the Fund is particularly interested in proposals that demonstrate innovation, creativity and fresh/unique approaches to their program design. Awards will range from \$5,000 - \$50,000. The application deadline is March 29. Questions may be sent to: ssvf@stern.nyu.edu .

The **Avon Foundation** is seeking proposals from non-profit organizations and agencies that provide programs that assist children who have been exposed to domestic violence. The Avon Foundation makes grants only to organizations having tax-exempt status. Grant amounts range from \$10,000 - \$50,000 depending on the size, scope and impact of the program proposed. The Avon Foundation will only support organizations through the *Helping Children of Domestic Violence* program for a maximum of three years. The proposal deadline date is April 1. Preliminary letters of inquiry may be submitted prior to April 1, to ascertain whether the Foundation will have an interest in considering the proposed project. Responses to proposal submissions will be sent by September 15. For more information, contact: Avon Foundation, 345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY. 10105-0196. 1-866-505-AVON (2866), or go to PDF: http://www.avoncompany.com/women/speakout/dv_helping_children.pdf

The *Baseball Tomorrow Fund* (BTF) is a joint initiative between **Major League Baseball** and the **Major League Baseball Players Association** that was established in 1999. Non-profit and tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball and softball programs may apply for Baseball Tomorrow Fund grants. Deadlines annually: January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. Application deadlines are for applications only. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at anytime; however, please allow at least one month for the review of a letter of inquiry. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications before the deadline. For additional information, go to: http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp

The **National Endowment for the Arts' Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth Program** offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire appreciation, knowledge, and understanding of, and skills in, the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engagement of students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art, and ensure the application of national, state, or local arts education standards. School-based or community-based projects are eligible. Awards range from \$5,000 to \$150,000. The application deadline is June 12. For information, visit: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP07/LearningintheArts.html>.

YouthBridge New York has announced its "*Bridging the Gap*", grants program committed to youth diversity and development in New York City. The program was established by youth for organizations working with youth. Eligible organizations: focus on youth advocacy and leadership; are five borough-based; have an organization (project) with a budget of \$100,000 or less; address issues of poverty, academic enrichment, and/or health. The application deadline is March 23; download an application at: <http://www.youthbridgeny.org> . For further information, contact: Elana Bekerman at bekermane@jrcny.org

The **Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation's** *Children's Initiative* provides funding for local programs that strengthen the social, physical, intellectual, and emotional functioning of young children in significant and measurable ways. The Initiative will only consider programs that: serve children from the pre-natal stage to 6 years of age; deliver services to children in non-traditional settings (i.e. non-office settings); involve parents or guardians in the planning, delivery or evaluation of the program and are within the first three years of development. A Letter of Intent is due April 1; selected organizations must submit full proposals by August 1. For more information, go to: http://www.wfamilyfoundation.org/childrens_initiative.html#guide

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

The **Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families**, announces the availability of funds to provide technical assistance to nonprofits in their promotion of full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places; developing proficiency in the use of voting systems and technologies as they affect individuals with disabilities (including blindness) in order to assess the availability and use of such systems and technologies for such individuals. The deadline for a Letter of Intent is March 27; the application due date is April 24. For additional information and guidelines, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/gkxvt> .

The **Aetna Foundation** announces its *2006 Regional Community Health Grants Program* to award up to \$2.9 million through the Regional Grants Program for philanthropic initiatives focused on the following healthcare issues: depression; childhood health -- obesity (including diabetes) and oral health; and end-of-life care. Applications will be accepted until March 31. The full program description, including information regarding funding areas of interest, geographic targets, and funds available by region, are on the program's Web site: <http://www.aetna.com/>

The **Ambrose Monell Foundation** aids and contributes to religious, charitable, literary and educational uses and purposes. The foundation only funds organizations with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status; in order to determine if your request matches the interests of the foundation, submit a letter of inquiry. Only organizations whose initial inquiry is accepted will receive a request to submit a full proposal. In the past, grants have ranged from \$2,500 to over \$500,000. In 2004, grants totaled nearly \$10,000,000. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year and are reviewed on a continuing basis. Requests should be sent to George Rowe, Jr., President, The Ambrose Monell Foundation, One Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 301, New York, NY 10002-2002; fax (212) 245-1863; e-mail info@monellvetlesen.org . Visit the Web site at: <http://www.monellvetlesen.org> to see the types of organizations and programs the foundation has funded in the past.

The **Department of Health and Human Services** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has announced funding for the *Drug Free Communities Support Program*. It is a collaborative initiative developed to achieve two major goals: Reduce substance abuse among youth and over time, among adults, by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse; and promote the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. There will be 120 awards totaling \$12,000,000. The closing date for applications is April 10. For more detailed information, go online to: http://www.samhsa.gov/grants06/RFA/sp_06_003_dfc.aspx .

Ford Motor Company and **Ford Motor Company Fund** make awards in five categories: education, environment, public policy, health & social programs, civic affairs & community development, and arts & humanities. They place top priority on the support and development of organizations that promote diversity. For more information on the Ford Motor Company Fund, contact: Ford Motor Company Fund, P.O. Box 1899, Dearborn, MI 48121-1899. Requests for support are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. There are no application deadlines. Budgets for the fiscal year (January-December) are determined in December of the prior year.
<http://www.ford.com/en/goodWorks/fundingAndGrants/fordMotorCompanyFund/default.htm>

The **New York State Department of Health** invites applications from not-for-profit community based organizations to implement small-scale, short-term, well-defined projects designed to achieve targeted reductions in risks associated with asthma, diabetes, or heart disease and stroke in racial and ethnic

minority communities. It is anticipated that ten projects will be funded at \$5,000 each. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2006. For more information, contact: Marrion Arrington at the Office of Minority Health, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Room 780, Albany, New York 12237; call (518) 474-2180; e-mail somh@notes.health.state.ny.us, or visit <http://www.nyhealth.gov>.

The **LogisticCare Foundation** grants help to promote better transportation services for at-risk seniors, the disabled and disadvantaged. The foundation will support nonprofit programs which "improve the quality of life" of the target population, including transport to and from medical and social services. Funds will support pilot research and demonstration programs, with an emphasis on community-based activities and policy analysis. General operating support is not available.

There is no set deadline; applications are reviewed by the board on a regular basis. Info: e-mail Chanda Forsythe at chandaf@logisticare.com for information on grant guidelines, go to:

<http://www.logisticare.com/template.asp?id=172>

The **Conservation Fund** administers several grant programs and awards for environmental conservation purposes. Grants may be used for activities such as mapping, ecological assessments, surveying, conferences, and design activities; developing brochures, interpretative displays, audio-visual productions, or public opinion surveys; hiring consultants, incorporating land trusts, building a foot bridge, planning a bike path, or other creative projects. In general, grants can be used for all appropriate expenses needed to complete a greenway project, including planning, technical assistance, legal, and other costs. Awards will primarily go to local, regional, or statewide nonprofit organizations. The maximum grant amount is \$2,500, and most grants will range from \$500 to \$1,500. Applications will only be accepted online from March 1 through June 1. View online: <http://www.conservationfund.org/?article=1006> .

****MINI-GRANTS****

Each fall and spring, **Do Something** awards grants of \$500 each to ten young people who submit creative proposals for solving local problems. Members of Do Something's Youth Advisory Council evaluate the proposals and award grants to the most deserving projects in three areas: community building, health, and the environment. An applicant must be 25 years old or younger on May 1, to receive a 2006 Do Something grant. Applicants also must have a mentor to apply for a grant. A mentor can be a friend, relative, teacher, coach, or anyone 18 years old or older who is willing to help the applicant with his or her project.

Applicants may apply for a grant either individually or on behalf of a group or team. The application deadline is May 15; visit the Do Something Web site for complete application procedures:

<http://dosomething.org/>

The **National Crime Prevention Council** will award one hundred grants of up to \$500 through its *Teens, Crime, and the Community* initiative. The grants will support service-learning projects planned and implemented by youth who identify needs and create projects to address or prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse in their schools and communities. These grants are intended to encourage and promote crime prevention, community service, and civic responsibility. To be eligible for funding, youth must be participating in a Community Works or Youth Safety Corps program or in a youth group or class of six or more members. All participants must be between the ages of 11 to 19. Applications for grants for the 2006 spring and summer programs must be submitted by April 1, or June 1, respectively. Visit the National Crime Prevention Council Web site to download complete program guidelines: <http://www.nationaltcc.org/>

RESOURCES

The **Department of Parks and Recreation** encourages all New Yorkers who are looking for a summer job and like to swim, to consider signing up to be New York City lifeguard—you will earn a good salary, meet new friends, spend your summer outdoors, and help save lives.

The process is simple. Just show up for the lifeguard exam at the 59th Street Recreation Center, at 533 W. 59th Street in Manhattan, from Monday through Friday at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Exams will be held through the first week of April. To pass the exam and qualify for the Municipal Lifeguard Training Program, you must be 16 years of age by the start of employment, have at least 20/30 vision in one eye and 20/40 in the other, and be able to swim 50 yards in 35 seconds.

Candidates who pass the exam will participate in a free 35-hour training course. If you successfully complete the course, you are guaranteed a job and will even be paid for time spent in training once you begin. If you are an interested candidate, please call 311.

The **Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC)** – “The Voice and Source for New York Nonprofits,” established in 1984, helps nonprofits to stay informed and connected and to save money, and works to strengthen the nonprofit sector as a whole. NPCC publishes a monthly newsletter, *New York Nonprofits*; offers many free workshops and roundtables on management issues; provides cost-saving vendor services; supports a Government Relations Committee that works to maintain a positive working relationship for nonprofits with government; and maintains a website loaded with information on matters pertaining to operating a nonprofit. NPCC has over 1,390 dues-paying members in the New York metropolitan area. Dues are based on an organization’s operating budget and begin at \$25 for those whose budgets are under \$100,000. For more information, call 212-502-4191 or visit <http://www.npccny.org>.

The **Foundation Center** invites small, New York area nonprofits to participate in First Steps/Next Steps, an eight-month program to build organizational capacity. Twenty-one nonprofits will be accepted. Participants will develop their fundraising knowledge and skills through monthly training and with the help of experienced advisors. Valued at more than \$5,000, the program will cost only \$500, thanks to a grant from the Clark Foundation. <http://fdncenter.org/firststeps/>

This spring and summer the **Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Exempt Organizations Division** will again offer workshops for small and mid-sized exempt organizations. To view the workshop schedule and agenda and to register online, visit the IRS Calendar of Events: <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=96083,00.html>

To help families organize their health histories, the **Surgeon General** developed “*My Family Health Portrait*,” a computerized, information-organizing tool that makes creating a family health history easier and more efficient for both patients and health-care professionals. Now, a new, free, Web-based version of the tool is available in Spanish. It organizes a family’s health history into a printout that people can then take to their health-care professional to help determine whether they are at higher risk for disease. The Spanish version of the tool is available on the Internet at <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov/spanish>.

Corporate Voices for Working Families recently released a *2006 Employer Guide* that offers large and small businesses resources and tips to get out the message to their low-wage employees about federal programs that provide tax credits and assistance with health care, food, and home heating costs. The YEF Institute also offers a toolkit geared specifically toward municipal leaders to help them conduct outreach campaigns to connect residents with the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other federal and state benefits. The Institute’s toolkit offers concrete steps, advice from existing campaigns, specific roles for elected leaders, city examples, and links to important resources. Download the Corporate Voices for Working Families Employer guide: <http://www.cvworkingfamilies.org/2006EITC/2006EITC.shtml>, or download the EITC toolkit for municipal leaders: <http://www.nlc.org/nlctoolkit/html/>.

Tony Poderis' Web site helps educate non-profits about fundraising. A great "how do I get my act together" website. <http://www.raise-funds.com/library.html>

The **Attorney General of Illinois** has developed *MethNet*, a Web site that includes information about meth and strategies for fighting it - including protecting children from meth and prevention efforts in schools. The site also provides tell-tale signs of meth abusers and meth-endangered children and provides clues for recognizing structures housing meth labs from the inside and the outside. The **U.S. government** also has a Web site dedicated to methamphetamine abuse, MethResources.gov. The site includes fact sheets and information for educators, parents and youth. There is a listserv available, a variety of publications, and information about upcoming conferences focusing on combating the dangerous epidemic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****March 23 – CCSNYS** is pleased to present the *Build a Better Nonprofit Training Series for 2006*, a comprehensive series of free board workshops and affordable staff workshops tailored to provide real-world knowledge and expertise to nonprofits across New York State. All workshops will be held at the NYS Society of CPAs Offices, 3 Park Avenue, 18th Floor, New York City. Questions may be addressed to: Melissa DeMidio, Events & Communication Coordinator at mdemidio@ccsnys.org or call (800) 515-5012 ext. 126. To Register please go to: <http://www.ccsnys.org/babn>

NonProfit Accounting Basics - 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
\$30 for CCSNYS Members; \$40 for Non-members

Cash Flow Management for Nonprofit Organizations – 1:00 P. M. to 4:00 P.M.
\$30 for CCSNYS Members; \$40 for Non-members P.M.

Roles & Responsibilities of Nonprofit Board Members - 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon *FREE*
Nonprofit Fiscal Accountability – 1:00 P. M. to 4:00 P.M. *FREE*
Ethical Considerations for Nonprofit Board Members – 5:30 P. M. to 7:30 P.M. *FREE*

****March 16** – The **YEF Institute** will host a free audio-conference on afterschool reform, titled “*City Leaders Engaged in Afterschool Reform: Lessons from Across America*,” will be held at 12:30 P.M. and will focus on how municipal leaders are beginning to build citywide afterschool systems that provide safe, enriching, and recreational activities for youth. Speakers will include senior municipal staff from Bridgeport, CT, Florence, SC, and Salt Lake City, UT. To register for this free call, send complete contact information (name, address, city, state, phone, fax, and email) to Melissa Rogers by close of business Tues., March 14 via email to rogers@nlc.org or via fax to 202-626-3043. No phone registrations accepted. If you wish, gather a group of people around a speaker phone and use the call as a springboard for brainstorming or training. One day prior to the call, each registrant will receive an email or fax providing a toll-free, dial-in number.

****March 25 – CAMBA’s Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Services and the Crown Heights/Flatbush Community Advisory Board** will present *Youth Conference '06: Taking Life Skills to Another Level* from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at CAMBA’s Beacon Center, P.S. 269, 1957 Nostrand Avenue (between Foster Avenue and Farragut Road.) This event is for youth ages 10-21; free lunch will be served and there will be Hip Hop performers, as well as hourly raffle prizes. For more information, or to register, contact: William Cross at (718) 287-2600, ext. 258.

****April 27 - 29 – ELLEGirl and the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Benefit Fund** will present *Dare To Be Involved NYC Youth Volunteer Expo 2006* at Gotham Hall (Broadway and 36th Street.) This free event is to encourage youth and adult volunteerism and will feature over 80 nonprofit exhibitors. The Kickoff Event will be held on April 27 from 6:00 PM. to 8:00 P.M.; continuing April 28—from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.; and April 29—from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. For sponsorship information, contact: Brenda Rezak at (212) 473-7875, or Brenda@manhattancc.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

To build on the current momentum of sector work and to strengthen, sustain and grow the field, the **Sector Skills Academy** was launched in mid-2005 by three well-known organizations in the sectoral workforce development field: [The Aspen Institute Workforce Strategies Initiative](#), the [National Network of Sector Partners](#), and [Public/Private Ventures](#). The Sector Skills Academy is designed for organizational leaders with direct responsibility and authority to implement a sector strategy. Attendance at three, three-day Academy workshops is required and some activities will be assigned between sessions. Selection of 20-24 Academy Fellows will be competitive and some fees for participation will apply. Efforts will be made to select a group of individuals from a variety of institutions, including but not limited to: community-based organizations, community colleges, Workforce Investment Boards, labor-management partnerships,

industry/trade associations and business development groups. Applications must be received by March 24; all Fellows will be notified of acceptance by May 12. For an application, or more information, go online to: <http://www.sectorskillsacademy.org/SSAApplication2006.doc>

Established in 1988, the **Reebok Human Rights Award** honors young people from the United States and around the world who have made significant contributions to the cause of human rights, often against great odds. A \$50,000 grant is given to further the work of each award recipient. Award candidates must be 30 years of age or younger by December 31, 2006, and cannot advocate violence or belong to an organization that advocates violence. They must also be working on an issue that directly relates to the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Women and men of all races, ethnic groups, nationalities, and religions are eligible to apply. The award is given to an individual based on that individual's personal achievement and commitment; it is not given to groups of people, organizations, or as a memorial award to people who have died. The application deadline is May 31. See the awards program Web site for guidelines: <http://www.reebok.com/Static/global/initiatives/rights/awards/>

The **Hitachi Foundation's Yoshiyama Award** is an annual award in which up to ten high school seniors from around the United States are honored for their community service activities. Activities must foster longer term community change and be focused in socially and/or economically isolated communities. The Award is accompanied by a gift of \$5,000, dispensed over two years. Recipients may use the Award at their discretion. The Award is NOT a scholarship. All nominations must be submitted electronically or postmarked by April 1st. For guidelines, go to: <http://www.hitachifoundation.org/yoshiyama/index.html> .

The **Bollinger Foundation** seeks nominations for its *Scholarship Grants*. The Bollinger Foundation is a unique foundation created to provide financial assistance to families of economic development, community development, and public housing workers is seeking nominations for this year's awards. Specifically, assistance is available to families who have lost a parent or guardian where the deceased or surviving parent or guardian worked in the field of public housing, community development, or economic development. Visit the website to make a nomination using the online nomination form. The deadline for nominations is May 20, 2006. <http://www.bollingerfoundation.org/>

The *2006 Michael H. Urbach, CPA, Community Builder's Award* honors a Certified Public Accountant in New York State who has exhibited exemplary board leadership in 501(c)3 charities. This award is named in honor of Michael H. Urbach, CPA. Mr. Urbach had a significant impact on New York's nonprofit community through board participation and leadership. He regarded his involvement, especially with boards having financial and administrative challenges, as a unique opportunity to help enact and embrace organizational change for the betterment of the community. To nominate a CPA in your community for this prestigious award please click here: <http://www.ccsnys.org/cf06/commaward.html>

In an effort to promote effective risk management practices among all nonprofits, **Council Services Plus**, along with **CCSNYS** and the **Nonprofit Risk Management Center** is pleased to announce the second annual *Nonprofit Risk Management Awards* (NRMAs). The purpose of the NRMAs is to promote risk management to nonprofits and to honor those members of CCSNYS who practice sound risk management or who have benefited from it by avoiding a potentially troubling circumstance or lessened the devastating effects of one. Nominations are currently being accepted now through July 3rd. Your organization can win \$2,000! Click here for more information, criteria and an application <http://www.councilservicesplus.com>