

Phoenix Interfaith Society for Harmony (Edmonton)

# Phoenix Society Upstander Awards 2019

## Nominate an upstander today - Guidelines

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## Introduction

The Phoenix Multi-Faith Society for Harmony is a respected group of volunteers from Edmonton's Jewish, Muslim and Christian communities. (See our website at: [phoenixsociety.ca](http://phoenixsociety.ca)). Our goal is to make Edmonton a better place for all by promoting understanding, love and respect amongst our communities and we believe that Edmonton's youth can help tell these stories by nominating "upstanders".

An "upstander" is someone who reaches out to someone or a group in need and helps them. In partnership with the Edmonton Public School Board, the Edmonton Phoenix Multi-Faith Society for Harmony is starting a new initiative to recognize and reward junior high and high school students who have countered hatred, racism and prejudice.

We are calling our initiative the **Phoenix Society Upstander Awards** and we are inviting junior high and high school students to nominate fellow students who are upstanders.

The winning entrants (the upstander and their nominator) will each receive an **ipad pro!**

## Guidelines

There are lots of ways to safely stand up to hatred, racism and prejudice. The Phoenix Interfaith Society for Harmony is interested in the little things that make a big difference.

For example: Maybe you know a student who did a really cool presentation in school or elsewhere celebrating another culture's value? Maybe you saw a student stop and say some kind words to someone who was being bullied? Or, maybe you know a student who participated in an organized event, or even organized an event, to show local victims of hate crime that Edmonton is better than that. (Think about all the people who turned out to demonstrate against hatred when local schools were defaced with swastika graffiti and again when a local barber shop was similarly defaced with hateful symbols and language. Maybe you know a youth who stood up along with these others against hatred?)

If the action was safe (it didn't put the student in danger) and someone in need enjoyed a bit of relief and newfound dignity because of it, nominate that student!

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## How to nominate a student

Fill in the attached form, or do a one, two, or three minute video telling the story of what your fellow student did to be nominated. Tell the story about how your fellow student countered racism, prejudice or hatred by doing something positive that restored or built a bit of understanding, dignity, love and respect for others in your school or in Edmonton.

Submit your form or video online to the *Edmonton Phoenix Multi-Faith Society for Harmony* at [phoenixsociety.ca](http://phoenixsociety.ca), or by mail at Phoenix Multi-Faith Society For Harmony c/o Solomon J. Rolinger , Q.C. 2800 Scotia Place 10060 Jasper Avenue, Edm AB Canada T5J 3V9.

The **deadline** for nominating a fellow student is **May 24, 2019**.

## How we will pick the winners and let them know they've won

Our volunteers will work with Edmonton Public School staff to select the stories that speak to current issues; that contain cool new ideas; and that just otherwise blow our socks off. Everyone who submits a nomination or who has done something upstanding is already a winner in our books and will receive a letter acknowledging our appreciation for making Edmonton a better place. For those who win the ipads, congratulations! We'll be in touch through your school to do a special presentation before the end of the school year.

Where parental permission is given in writing (see our consent forms), winning submissions will be posted on Phoenix's website.

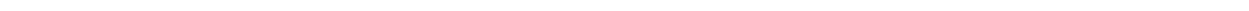
## Questions and contact information

If you have any questions about the upstander awards, *or to revoke (take back) consent for the release of personal information*, please email us at: [phoenixsociety.ca/contact](http://phoenixsociety.ca/contact). If you have further questions call Phoenix Co-Chair, Harold Robinson, LLB at 780-935-2485.

In the meantime, nominate an upstander today! It's easy!

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| Your name:   |   |
| Your school:   |   |
| Your grade:  |   |
| Upstander's name:  |   |
| Upstander's school:  |   |
| Upstander's grade:   |   |
| Tell us the story: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>What did your upstander do?</i></li><li>• <i>What makes it positive and cool?</i></li><li>• <i>Who benefited?</i></li><li>• <i>How much effort did it take?</i></li><li>• <i>How can other students build on the upstander's story? Can other students do something similar?</i></li><li>• <i>If you do a video, remember to cover the points above.</i></li></ul> | <p>My upstander deserves an award because....</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |





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**Consent Forms<sup>1</sup> (Please submit these forms to Phoenix along with your nominations)**

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| <p><i>Parent or guardian of</i><br/><b>Nominator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I agree to having Phoenix receive and share on its website and/or at a public celebration that my child spotted a good deed and nominated an upstander!</li></ul> | <p>I, _____, am the parent or guardian of _____. I consent to the <i>Phoenix Interfaith Society for Harmony</i> receiving and sharing on its website and at a public celebration that my child did something cool and nominated an upstander! I understand that there will be no payment for the use of my child's information for this purpose. I also understand that my consent may be revoked (taken back in the future) by emailing the Phoenix Society at <a href="mailto:phoenixsociety.ca/contact">phoenixsociety.ca/contact</a>.</p> <p>Signed _____</p> <p>Dated _____ (day/month/year)</p> |
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| <p><i>Parent or guardian of</i><br/><b>Nominee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I agree to having Phoenix receive and share on its website and/or at a public celebration that my child is an upstander who did something positive for others!</li></ul> | <p>I, _____, am the parent or guardian of _____. I consent to the <i>Phoenix Interfaith Society for Harmony</i> receiving and sharing on its website and at a public celebration that my child is an upstander who did something positive for others! I understand that there will be no payment for the use of my child's information for this purpose. I also understand that my consent may be revoked (taken back in the future) by emailing the Phoenix Society at <a href="mailto:phoenixsociety.ca/contact">phoenixsociety.ca/contact</a>.</p> <p>Signed _____</p> <p>Dated _____ (day/month/year)</p> |
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<sup>1</sup> **The Phoenix Interfaith Society for Harmony will only share the names and good deeds of those students whose parents or guardians agree to it. If consent is not given, students are still eligible to win prizes for spotting an upstander, or for being an upstander. We just won't tell anyone about it.**

