

**TO:** Catholic School Principals  
Parish Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education

**FROM:** Jean D. Johnstone, Ex. Dir., Catholic Charities

**RE:** **Nominations for the 2010 - *Matthew 25 Student Award***

**DATE:** **February 26, 2010**

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*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.  
'Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'*  
Matthew 25: 35-36, 40

For the past three years, Catholic Charities, Inc. of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has honored young men and women from across the eight counties of the Diocese with the *Matthew 25 Student Award* at our Annual Catholic Charities Recognition Dinner (scheduled this year for April 29, 2010 at the Altoona UVA Club). This award is given to two elementary and two high school students for demonstrating exceptional service to their communities, especially service to the poor and needy. This service is "above and beyond" required school community service hours. Award winners will receive a scholarship for tuition/school/college expenses and a plaque recognizing their achievements. The award winners, their parents and the person nominating the student will be invited to attend the April 29<sup>th</sup> dinner as our guests.

Once again we are asking for your help in nominating students from your school and/or parish religious education classes. If you would like to nominate a student, please complete the attached nomination form and return it by **Friday, March 26, 2010** to:

Catholic Charities, Inc.  
*Matthew 25 Student Award*  
1300 Twelfth Ave.  
P.O. Box 1349  
Altoona, PA 16603-1349

If you have any question about the award criteria, please do not hesitate to call me at the Catholic Charities' Altoona Office (814) 944-9388.

Thank you for all that you do to support the children and families in our diocesan communities.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.**  
**MATTHEW 25 STUDENT AWARD**  
**Nomination Form – 2010**

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**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a one-page description of *how* this student has demonstrated “exceptional” service to his/her community, especially service to the poor, marginalized and needy within our diocese. Service must be “*above and beyond*” what is required for community service hours.

**Recommended by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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

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

**Parish/School/Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Nomination forms may also be faxed to: (814) 941-2677.