

# RYAN CLARK

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On April 16, 2007, the world learned the name of Ryan Clark for one heroic, selfless act on the campus of Virginia Tech. With this award, Ryan's hometown community honors all the selfless acts that were part of Ryan's character. The 2002 Lakeside High School graduate was a campus leader and volunteered for many organizations. He sorted items at Golden Harvest Food Bank, served food to the homeless at the Master's Table, tutored children at Communities in Schools of Augusta/Richmond County, volunteered with Virginia Tech YMCA during Thanksgiving 2004 to help clean up after Hurricane Katrina through Circle K, a Kiwanis organization, and served as a counselor at Camp Big Heart, a camp for youth with special needs. Volunteering his time to help people was a core value of the young man known as "Stack" by fellow members of the Virginia Tech marching band. Since Ryan was to graduate in May with a triple major in biology, English and psychology, we have chosen that time to give out the award in his name.

**The intent of this award is to honor Ryan Clark for his contribution to the community by promoting volunteerism among young people and continuing his legacy of service.**

### SELECTION PROCESS

- Nominees for the Ryan Clark Community Service Award must be ages 14 to 19 and enrolled in high school in Columbia or Richmond counties.
- The application, applicable signatures, and reference forms must be received by close of business on **January 31, 2009** at the Columbia County Community Connections office, P.O. Box 99, Harlem, GA 30814. Materials include nomination form, application, essay, and signatures by parent/guardian.
- The Selection Committee will review only completed applications submitted by the deadline. Finalists for the award will be invited to the awards ceremony.  
**The awards ceremony will be held in May 2009.**

### SELECTION CRITERIA

All nominees' applications shall be reviewed by the Ryan Clark Community Service Award Selection Committee, which is comprised of individuals from both Richmond and Columbia counties. The decision of the committee will be considered final.

**The Committee shall look for individuals:**

- with a sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve the community
- with high moral character
- with a history of service to their school, neighborhood or community
- with demonstrated leadership qualities

### SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Columbia County Community Connections is the lead sponsoring organization and has the support of Ryan Clark's family. Contact Julie Miller at [familyconnectioncolumbiaco@comcast.net](mailto:familyconnectioncolumbiaco@comcast.net) or 706-556-0609 for more information. Security Federal Bank is a sponsor of the award. Additional sponsors are welcome.