



Wassmuth
**CENTER FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS**

Home of the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial

Upstander C.A.R.E. (*Compassion, Acceptance, Respect, Empathy*) Awards

Application Form

The Wassmuth Center for Human Rights welcomes applications for its ***Upstander C.A.R.E. (Compassion, Acceptance, Respect, Empathy) Awards***. Each year Idaho youth in **Grades 7-12** are honored with cash prizes up to \$1,500 for taking action to create positive change in their communities. These young individuals will be honored as upstanders – those who recognize a wrong and take action to make it right. While being an upstander is everyone’s responsibility, each winner’s achievement(s) will display a remarkable choice to combat intolerance, prejudice and injustice and make a constructive contribution(s) in reshaping his/her world. Emphasis will be given to accomplishment(s) that exhibit sustainable acts of compassion, acceptance, respect and empathy toward others. The Wassmuth Center award strives to encourage young activists and inspires each of us to become an advocate for change.

The family of Arthur and Neli Zaltzman have generously funded the Upstander C.A.R.E. Awards in memory of their parents.

Application Instructions:

- Email the completed application to info@wassmuthcenter.org.
- Email submissions must contain the application form and all additional materials (Statement of Upstander Action, two letters of reference and signed permission release statement) in one single PDF attachment. It is recommended that each required document is printed, compiled in the order listed on the application and scanned to create one PDF document.
- It is recommended that a backup copy of the submitted document is printed.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Your name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Permanent Address (if different than above): _____

Email: _____ Contact Phone: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____

STATEMENT OF UPSTANDER ACTION

Upload your personal Statement of Upstander Action. Provide a narrative (limited to two pages, 12-point font, double spaced) that describes your action(s) as an upstander. Suggested prompts may include:

Describe how were you inspired to take action as an upstander.

Explain in detail your achievement(s) to combat intolerance, prejudice and injustice.

What was the hope and/or expectation for your action?

Explain how your action(s) incorporates the values of C.A.R.E. - compassion, acceptance, respect and/or empathy.

Showcase how your efforts created positive change in your school, club, and/or community. What was the measurable impact(s) of your action(s)? Were there any intangible outcomes?

Was this a one-time action or an ongoing project? Do you have plans to continue it?

Describe any challenges you met. How did you overcome them?

How did courage, tenacity and leadership play a role in your act(s)?

Who or what has encouraged you to become an activist for human rights?

Have you been nominated or awarded recognition for this work by another organization?

Provide other pertinent information - number of people involved, uniqueness of action/project, goals met or exceeded, etc.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Upload two letters of reference. The letters of recommendation should be from a teacher/advisor/sponsor or another person who can speak in detail about the upstander actions. List valid contact information for the recommenders. This is an opportunity for them to commend and support a young person for standing up to hatred, prejudice and intolerance. Suggested prompts or recommendations may include:

*How do you know the upstander nominee? Provide contextual information.
Explain why you think this nominee should be granted this award.
Describe the nominee's unique action(s) and how he/she supported the ideals of C.A.R.E.
- compassion, acceptance, respect and/or empathy.
Summarize the strengths of the nominee.
Provide any other pertinent information.*

PERMISSION RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION

Thank you for submitting your application to the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights **Upstander C.A.R.E. (Compassion, Acceptance, Respect, Empathy) Awards**. Please check the boxes and sign.

- In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification will result in termination of any prize granted.
- I hereby release this copy of my **Upstander C.A.R.E. Award** application to the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights and grant permission for its use in fundraising and promotional efforts for the Center. By granting this permission, I recognize that my application will become the property of the Center.
- I have completed the application form and included all additional documents (Statement of Upstander Action and two references). Applicants with missing materials will not be considered.

Applicant Signature (typed or written)

Date _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian (verification that the entrant is age eligible 13-18)

Date _____

Questions? Email info@wassmuthcenter.org or call 208-345-0304.