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Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities Announces the 2008 Smart Kids with LD Youth Achievement Award

Nominations are now open for the fifth annual Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities Youth Achievement Award. This \$1,000 award recognizing the strengths and accomplishments of young people with learning disabilities and ADHD will be given to a student 19 or younger who has demonstrated initiative, talent and determination resulting in a notable accomplishment in any field—including art, music, science, math, athletics or community service. Honorable Mentions will also be awarded.

The 2008 Youth Achievement Award will be presented at the organization's annual benefit dinner on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel in Stamford, Connecticut. Dana Buchman, the celebrated designer, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Transportation and hotel accommodations will be provided for the student and his/her parents.

The first-ever dual winners of the 2007 Youth Achievement Awards were Cassidy Kahn of New York, NY, an AAU All-America competitive diver, and Jesse Kline of Towson MD, who after graduating from high school following his junior year is currently doing field research for Global Vision International in the Galapagos Islands and the Amazon. Honorable Mentions were awarded to seven students from Los Angeles, La Canada, Garden Valley and San Diego, California, as well as from Maryland, Michigan and Texas.

The application on the reverse side of this announcement may be submitted by parents, teachers, coaches, mentors or students themselves; or an application may be

downloaded from the Smart Kids website at www.SmartKidswithLD.org/award.html. Please submit the application and documentation before the contest deadline of January 31, 2008 to Smart Kids with LD, 38 Kings Highway North, Westport, CT 06880. For information, contact Jane Ross at 203-226-6831 or via email at Info@SmartKidswithLD.org.



Cassidy Kahn accepts the 2007 Smart Kids with LD Youth Achievement Award from Dana Buchman at the organization's fifth annual benefit in May. Cassidy was recruited for the top-ranked diving team at the University of Indiana this fall.

“It is important to remind people that children with learning disabilities are among our brightest and most gifted.”

DAVID NEELEMAN
Chairman, JetBlue Airways
Founding Honorary Chairman,
Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities

Nominations for Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities Youth Achievement Award

Smart Kids with LD 38 Kings Highway North, Westport, CT 06880 Phone 203.226.6831

Nominee

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number & Email: _____

School Currently Attending & Address: _____ Grade: _____

Nominator

Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number & Email: _____

Attachments

■ description of candidate's achievement (please include/address the following items):

1. Briefly describe the nominee's LD or ADHD and explain how he/she has dealt with its challenges.
2. What is the specific accomplishment for which he/she is being nominated?
3. How did the nominee become involved in this area of interest or activity?
4. What impact has the nominee's achievement had on others (if applicable)?
5. How has the nominee been affected by this activity or interest?

■ supporting materials that confirm or demonstrate the candidate's achievement

■ documented proof of the candidate's learning disability or ADHD (pages from IEP, e.g.)

■ a recent photo of the nominee

Please type your description (no more than 2 pages) and attach all pages and documentation before mailing to the address at the top of this form by January 31, 2008.

Consent by Parent/Guardian (required)

I hereby authorize Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities (SKLD) to use and release information contained in the application for the SKLD Youth Achievement Award that I am submitting on behalf of _____ (state name of child), who is my _____ (state legal relationship with child). I understand that SKLD may release information including the Nominee's name, likeness, and narrative information (but not including details of the diagnosis, IEP plan or other supporting documentation) in its newsletter(s), promotional and other written and visual material, presentations and outreach efforts. (Please note that SKLD *will not release* telephone numbers, email and street addresses or fax numbers without seeking your prior permission.) Additionally, if the child nominated above wins the 2008 award, I agree to attend the award ceremony on May 8, 2008 in Stamford, CT with the child (who will be expected to give a brief, 3- to 4-minute acceptance speech). Transportation costs and hotel accommodations will be provided by Smart Kids for the child and parents.

Signed: _____ Date: _____