



A TEXAS MIDWEST PROGRAM “COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD”

Communities having completed the five categories listed below will be announced as *Community Achievement Award* recipients at the Annual Texas Midwest Conference in October.

- Representatives of the community will be honored at the annual conference.
- Regional media recognition will be coordinated by TMCN. (newspapers, TV, radio)
- Specially designed artwork will be presented for use at the discretion of the designated city.

SELECTION PROCESS:

- Applications for the Community Achievement Award are provided through the TMCN Office.
- Applications should be concise – one page if possible (**detailed overview of planning process, beautification programs and student projects are NOT necessary**)
- Deadline to submit application is **August 1st**. (extended – original deadline for 2006 was July 1st)
- A TMCN Committee will review applications and qualify honorees.

The Award will be valid for three years, after which, the city can re-apply to maintain the designation.

CATEGORIES for SELECTION:

Vision

A community-based planning process has been conducted within the previous three years. The planning process has identified the goals, activities and programs the community plans to complete or conduct for the purpose of addressing concerns for local economy and quality of life issues. The goals, activities and programs are prioritized and assigned to specific community organizations for action or implementation.

Pride

Beautification and/or clean up has been addressed through a local organization or city ordinance. A plan of action for beautification has been developed and is being carried out; OR, city ordinances for clean up have been established and are being enforced.

Youth Involvement

School age citizens are serving on city-sponsored committees, chamber of commerce committees, working as volunteers with civic groups, or are involved in community activities through the guidance of school personnel. A minimum of 6 students are involved in any or all of these adult groups.

Connectivity

The community has a web site that has been updated within the calendar year of the award presentation. The site is linked to sites of other organizations and businesses within the community. The site is linked to the Texas Midwest site and other significant regional and state sites.

Assessment

The community has been visited by a 2 or 3 person team of neighboring community representatives (arranged through the TMCN office) that have conducted a “windshield tour” for visual assessment and interviews with local citizens and business employees for community attitude and perception assessment. A report completed by team members and submitted to the TMCN Office has been delivered to the host community.