



*the* VIRGINIA BEACH JAYCEES *Present the*  
2017 First Citizen Award  
**Call for Nominations**

Do you know someone worthy of being named the next First Citizen of Virginia Beach? Well first you might be asking yourself, "What does it mean to be a First Citizen?" In our minds, a First Citizen has been, is and always will be:

- A person who has relentlessly supported local business and citizen empowerment
- Someone who has been a positive role model in the Virginia Beach community
- A unique individual who may have been influential in the growth of the city
- Someone who lives and resides in Virginia Beach
- And above all else, someone who embodies the United States Jaycees Creed:

*That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life; That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations; That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise; That Government should be of laws rather than of men; That earth's great treasure lies in human personality; And that service to humanity is the best work of life!*

So, "Why nominate someone? What's in it for them?" The First Citizen of Virginia Beach Award has been a distinctive honor for the past 67 years. Mr. James Kontopanos kicked off the inaugural event as the first honoree in 1950. Since then, men and women of all ages, backgrounds and contributions have been nominated. Most recently, Mr. Daniel N. Ryan Sr. accepted the award for his continual contributions to our society. Some of the honorees in the past have gone on to hold more prominent positions within the city and state, but our local ceremony has been "*the most precious honor*" for many. Joining the ranks of some of the most humble and influential people in Virginia Beach is an honor in and of itself.

To nominate someone, please submit a one page resume outlining the person's background, roles or contributions to Virginia Beach as well as three personal references that can support the nominee's character. While the summary can be delivered to the VB Jaycees in any format, we've created a template you are welcome, not obligated, to use – you can find it on the next page. The content, not the creative presentation, is what the nomination committee will use to review applicants.

Finally, to keep with tradition, we like to keep nominations a secret. As in, the person being honored doesn't typically realize their up for review. We like to believe this upholds the integrity of the award and ensures the honorees are being submitted for selfless reasons.

Thank your taking the time to review and nominate someone! It's people like you who help keep the award alive and well.



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*Application Form*

Local Business Contributions:

Community Involvement:

Board Positions:

Honors and Awards:

*Please attach three letters of recommendation to the application form.  
Thank you for your application. If you have any questions please contact us at  
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