



## GOVERNOR'S JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

TONY EVERS, GOVERNOR  
SHARLEN MOORE, CHAIR

To: Wisconsin Juvenile Justice Professionals, Advocates, and Stakeholders  
From: Wisconsin's Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission  
Re: Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award 2024 – Nominations due August 30, 2024.  
Date: February 15, 2024.

The Governor's Juvenile Justice Commissioner (GJJC) serves as the State Advisory Group (SAG) to the Governor and Legislature on matters critical to juvenile justice, under the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA). The GJJC is comprised of individuals with extensive expertise and experience with the juvenile justice system including, juvenile justice professionals, law enforcement, corrections professionals, attorneys, judges, mental health practitioners, staff of nonprofit organizations dedicated to youth programming, and youth with experience in the juvenile justice system.

In this capacity, the Commission presents the Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award to a remarkable young person in Wisconsin every two years. This award recognizes a young person, having prior contact with the juvenile justice system, that has achieved personal success and has made positive contributions to their community.

The award is in honor of the late, Tony Maggiore, who served on the GJJC for 17 years and was a tireless advocate for people living in poverty. Tony helped wage Milwaukee's war on poverty for more than 20 years as the Associate Director of the Social Development Commission (SDC). He was an outspoken and steadfast voice to push reforms that would reduce the disparities present in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Tony often described his philosophy as, "You just keep pushing and pushing. You don't give up."

### **The GJJC presents the award recipient with:**

- Recognition at the GJJC Commission Meeting on November 12, 2024.
- Name engraved on the Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award plaque displayed at the Wisconsin Department of Justice.
- A letter of recommendation for the youth person to use for future employment or educational opportunities.

### **Please submit the attached form nominating a young person:**

- Between ages 16 to 28 years old.
- Previously under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.
- Has made great strides, despite previous involvement in the juvenile justice system, in overcoming obstacles to improve their life and their community.

**Nominations are due August 30, 2024.** Please email the attached nomination form and supporting documents to Kiley Komro, Wisconsin Juvenile Justice Specialist, at [Komrokr@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:Komrokr@doj.state.wi.us).

The nominator of the selected young person will be contacted to obtain a release for the young person to be notified and recognized. Please contact Kiley Komro at [Komrokr@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:Komrokr@doj.state.wi.us) or (608) 716-9185 with any questions.

Please circulate this memo and attached nomination form to all eligible individuals or the adult supporters and mentors of such individuals.

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# TONY MAGGIORE YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

### Eligibility Criteria:

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Nominations for the Award are **due on August 30, 2024**, to Kiley Komro, Wisconsin Juvenile Justice Specialist. Please email nomination forms and all supporting documents to [komrokr@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:komrokr@doj.state.wi.us).

Please contact Kiley Komro at [komrokr@doj.state.wi.us](mailto:komrokr@doj.state.wi.us) or (608) 716-9185 for more information.

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Nominee Name:

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Nominee Address:

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Nominee Telephone:

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Nominee Email:

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Your name:

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Your Affiliation/Organization:

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Your Address:

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Your Telephone:

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Your E-mail:

**Please discuss the following information in a separate document (2-page limit):**

- How has the youth nominee transformed their life in a positive way?
- What were the obstacles this person overcame?
- What contributions has this person made to their community?
- Why are you recommending this person for the Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award?

Additional and optional attachments may include but are not limited to: articles about the nominee, the nominee's resume, recommendation letters, or other supporting documents that describe the young person and their accomplishments.