**Candidates will be considered based on the following criteria:**

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|  | **Gold** | **Silver** | **Bronze** |  |
| **Volunteer hours (September 2019 – March 15, 2020)** | 100+ | 75+ | 50+ | Volunteer hours **CAN NOT** be part of your BOCES/CTE course requirements. A maximum of 25% of the hours can be done during school hours in the school building and at least 75% of the hours must be done in the community. A signed letter on proper letterhead paper, stating how many hours you have earned must be submitted from the supervisor at the school and facility (or multiple facilities) where the hours were earned. **A phone number for the person signing the letter must be included for verification if necessary**. |
| **Overall GPA** | 75 | 75 | 75 | Proven by submission of transcript or signed/dated letter from guidance counselor or authorized school representative. |
| **BOCES/CTE Program GPA** | 75 | 75 | 75 | Proven by submission of transcript or signed/dated letter from guidance counselor or authorized school representative |
| **Essay - topic**  **“My Involvement In My Community Has Changed Me For The Better”** | required | required | required | Typed, Arial 12-point font, single sided, 1” margins, stapled, 500 words maximum |
| **Two Letters of Recommendation** | required | required | required | One letter from the HOSA Advisor  One letter from the Community Service Organization  Both signed letters must explain why the candidate is deserving of this award because of their character and work ethic. |

**Deadline: April 7, 2021**

**Scan and submit all documents to:**

Dr. Margaret Savitzky at ***Chairman@newyorkhosa.org***