Medway African and Caribbean Association Rules and judging Criteria

- * Nominations must be for a child or young person aged between 5 and 25 years of age on or before the closing date.
- * Nominations must be for those making a contribution in either Kent or Medway.
- * The nominees must be from the Black African or Caribbean community or mixed parentage communities of African or Caribbean descent.
- * Multiple nominations for 1 person will not be accepted in different categories.
- * The achievement must comply with one of the categories stated.
- * The judging panel will consist of MACA members and independent members.
- * Closing Date 20th September 2024 at 5pm
- * Previous winners are not allowed to apply.
- * In the event of a possible conflict of interest, the panel may decide that a judge cannot sit on the judging panel if a nominee is known to them.
- * Nominations will be accepted from organisations, individuals, or families.
- * The judging panel's decisions will be final.

Please check on the website for the closing date and event date

Black Achievers awards categories

1. Achieving a positive outcome

Nominations are welcome for young people who have made significant achievements or achieved a positive outcome by overcoming particular difficulties in their life in order to achieve positivity in their life.

This may include:

- * Disability or illness
- * Previous young offender
- * Marginalised through isolation, unemployment, or disengagement.
- * Experience of being in the care system

2. <u>Citizenship</u>

Nominations are encouraged for children or young people who have taken pro-active or positive steps in their school or community to promote. positive citizenship. This may include:

- a. Taking an active part in school or youth councils
- b. Volunteering in community activities
- c. Helping friends / neighbours or others in need

3 Education

To be awarded to a child or young person who is achieving in education. This can include:

- * A child or young person with special educational needs who is motivated and committed regardless of their difficulties.
- * A child or young person who is academically gifted or talented.

5. **Sports**

To recognise children and young people with a gift of sport. To include:

- a. Those gifted and talented in a sport
- b. To recognise those that have overcome difficulties to achieve in a sport.
- c. To recognise children and young people that promote sport in a positive way.

6. The Arts

Nominations will be encouraged for children and young people who have achieved in any variety of art. This can include music, poetry, literature, dance, art, drama, or creativity in any form.

- a. This can include those that have overcome adversity to achieve.
- b. Those gifted and talented in these areas