The Young American Award

Local Council Office Deadline: December 1
National Council Office Deadline: January 2

For Application, see www.learningforlife.org/exploring/scholarships

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Background

First presented in 1968, the council-level award is given to young adults between the ages of 15 and 25 to highlight publicly the importance of their excellent achievements and service to their community, state and nation. The council-level Young American Award consists of a plaque to be awarded at an appropriate council ceremony. The council office typically extends the application process in September to appropriate council units and community youth-serving organizations, who then submit nominations on behalf of their young adult constituents. Recipients are not required to be a member or a participant of a local council unit or program.

Selection Procedure

The council can give as many as they choose of the council-level Young American Award plaques. The council selection committee is responsible for the following:

- See that appropriate council units and other local community youth-serving organizations receive applications.
- Review the applications and select council recipient(s). Notify all nominees of the decision by mail. Order the council-level Young American Award Plaque, No. 17668, from supply division for presentation(s).
- Through proper public relations, focus attention on the council-level recipient(s) and their accomplishments.
- The council then submits its one best application for the national award nominee. The national-level award consists of a ribbon medallion and an unrestricted cash award of $5,000. Submit by January 2 to:

  Young American Award
  National Office
  Learning for Life S310
  P. O. Box 152079
  Irving, TX 75015-2079
  FAX: 972-580-2137

(A Faxed and postmarked application by January 2 is acceptable.)

How to Apply

Applications are sent to the local council office. Nominations can be made by Boy Scout troops, Explorer posts, Venturing crews, Learning for Life groups, individuals, and other community youth-serving organizations that share the same program objectives. Since applications are not carried over, any application can be updated and resubmitted through the local council office.

For Local Council Office Information

Go to www.learning-for-life.org, then scroll down and enter your five-digit ZIP code and click on SEARCH.

Qualifications

- Student-- Any student age 15 to 25 as of June 1.
- Achievements--Have achieved exceptional excellence in one or more fields such as art, athletics, business, community service, education, government, humanities, literature, music, religion, and science.
- Service--Have been involved in service in their community, state, or country that adds to the quality of life.
- Scholar--Have maintained an above-average scholastic grade point average. Provide a copy of both your high school and college transcript with application (college transcript only if graduate student).
- Recommendations--Must provide with the application a minimum of three letters of recommendation from your troop, post, crew, or group, and schools, teachers, counselors, employers, ministers, business, civic, or other community leaders.

Council Office Deadline

Turn in application to local council office with letters of recommendation and current school transcript no later than **December 1.**

Application
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(Please Print and Provide Complete Information)

Nomination of (full name)_____

Age Next June 1 _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____P.O. Box_____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Telephone (_____)_____ Home E-mail_____

College Address _____P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

College Telephone (_____)_____ College E-mail_____

Father's name _____ Day Telephone (_____)_____

Mother's name _____ Day Telephone (_____)_____

Nominee's Personal Record (attach additional sheets as needed.)

Organizations. List all organizations that the nominee was a member of during high school and college and involved in service that adds to the quality of life. Indicate those organizations in which the nominee is now active with an asterisk (*).

Leadership. List all leadership positions that the nominee has ever held during high school and college. Indicate those positions now held with an asterisk (*).

Recognitions. List important awards and recognitions received by the nominee, the organizations that presented them, and the year they were received.

Name of Recognition	Presenting Organization	Year Received

High School Record Completed

___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

School Name_____City_____State_____

Graduating Class Year _____Current Grade Point Average _____ Current Class Rank _____

College Record Completed

___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate School

School Name_____City_____State_____

Graduating Class Year _____Current Grade Point Average _____ Current Class Rank _____

Present Career Plans

Present career plans for the nominee are:

Statement of Accomplishments (attach additional sheets as needed):

Describe the nominee's outstanding accomplishments in the fields of art, athletics, business, community service, education, government, humanities, literature, music, religion, and science.

Nominating Organization's Name _____

By (name) _____ Title _____

Address _____P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Day Telephone (_____)_____ Day E-mail_____

Evening Telephone (_____)_____ Evening E-mail_____

For Office Use

Submitted to Local Council Office No. _____ Council Headquarters City _____

Council Approval Signature: _____ Date _____

Name _____ Title _____