



The Young American Award

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

For application, see www.scouting.org/venturing (Click on Awards)

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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, which 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 the Supply Group 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 as their national award nominee. The national-level award consists of a ribbon medallion and an unrestricted cash award of \$5,000. Deadline for applications received by the national office is January 2 to:

Young American Award
Learning for Life (S210)
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079
Fax: 972-580-2137

(Faxed applications are acceptable, then mail the originals postmarked by January 2.)

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 previous application can be updated and resubmitted through the local council office.

For Local Council Office Information

Go to www.learningforlife.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.
- Accomplishments--Have achieved outstanding accomplishments in the fields of 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, group, school, teacher, counselor, employer, minister, business leader, civic leader, 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
Young American Award
(Please Print and Provide Complete Information)

Nomination of (full name) _____

Home Address _____ P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Telephone (_____) _____ Home E-mail _____

Age 15 to 25 next June 1 _____ Date of Birth _____ Current School Grade _____

Father's name _____ Day Telephone (_____) _____

Day E-mail: _____

Mother's name _____ Day Telephone (_____) _____

Day E-mail: _____

College Address _____ P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone/Cell (_____) _____ College E-mail _____

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.

<u>Name of Recognition</u>	<u>Presenting Organization</u>	<u>Year Received</u>
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High School Record Completed

(Provide a copy of both your high school and college transcript.)

___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

School Name _____ City _____ State _____

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

College Record Completed

(Provide a copy of your college transcript only if graduate student.)

___ 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.

Recommendations

Provide with the application a minimum of three letters of recommendation from your troop, post, crew, group, school, teacher, counselor, employer, minister, business leader, civic leader, or other community leaders.

Nominating Organization's Name _____

By (name) _____ Title _____

Address _____ P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Day Telephone (_____) _____ Day E-mail _____

Evening Telephone (_____) _____ Evening E-mail _____

Submitted To Local Council Office (For Local Council Office Address and Telephone: Go to www.learning-for-life.org and then scroll down to the search box and enter your five-digit ZIP code and click on SEARCH.)**For Local Council Office Use**

Council No. _____ Council Headquarters City _____

Council Approval Signature: _____ Title: _____

Day Telephone (_____) _____ Day E-mail _____