



YOUTH AWARDS ESSAY QUESTIONS

Before entering your responses to the essay prompts in this section, we strongly recommend saving a copy of your essays in a word processor (e.g., Microsoft Word, Google Docs, Notepad). This will ensure your work is not lost in the event of unexpected technical issues, as we are unable to recover any unsaved data.

Please note that the category you select will be reflected within the category application section.

1. What stands out as your proudest accomplishment in ***the category you selected***? Please select one achievement to discuss in detail. Why is this achievement particularly significant to you? **(250-word limit)**
2. What influenced your interest in ***the category you selected***? Beyond what is mentioned in your response to the previous essay prompt, please provide additional specific examples of programs, classes, activities, and projects you have participated in or led, that demonstrate your commitment and dedication to ***the category you selected***. Highlight the achievements and accomplishments within these experiences that showcase your potential to excel in this field and make you a strong candidate for this category. **(250-word limit)**
3. How has your upbringing and personal experiences shaped your perspective and approach to ***the category you selected***? How do these experiences drive the impact you hope to make? **(250-word limit)**
4. What is an issue that affects your community? Define the issue and what actions you propose to address it. **(250-word limit)**
5. Community service requires dedication and time. How have you been active in your community? Why is it important to give back? Describe your service and share any meaningful experiences, including their impact on others, and, most importantly, what they meant to you. **(400-word limit)**

Optional

While this section is optional, providing additional insights can enhance our understanding of you as a candidate and potentially strengthen your application. Please note that choosing not to submit this essay will not adversely affect your chances.

6. Beyond what you've already shared, is there anything else you'd like us to know about your experiences, accomplishments, or personal journey? You're also welcome to expand on anything mentioned earlier in your application, share your goals and vision for the future, or include links to your work. **(250-word limit)**

You are REQUIRED to create and submit the application online to be eligible for the Youth Awards. We cannot accept essays over email.