



# The Young American Award

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## Background

First presented in 1968, the award is given to a student age 19 through 25 to highlight publicly the importance of their excellent achievements and service to their community, state and nation. The local 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. Nominees may or may not be participants in Learning for Life or members of the BSA.

## Council Selection Procedure

The local 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 at an appropriate council ceremony.
- Through proper public relations, focus attention on the council-level recipient(s) and their accomplishments.

(Faxed applications are acceptable, then mail the originals postmarked by January 31, 2024.)

## How to Apply

Applications are sent to the local council office. Nominations can be made by Scouts BSA 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 or returned, original documents of personal value should not be included with the application. Previously submitted applications can be updated and resubmitted through the local council office through age 25.

**Council Office Deadline: January 31, 2024. Email to [sela@bsamail.org](mailto:sela@bsamail.org)**

## Student Qualifications

- Age Requirement—19 through 25 when student applies for the award.
- Accomplishments—have achieved outstanding accomplishments in the fields of art, athletics, business, community service, education, government, humanities, literature, math, music, religion, and science.
- Service—have been involved in service in their community, state, or country that adds to the quality of life.
- Scholars—have maintained an above-average scholastic grade point average. College freshmen provide high school transcript. College sophomores to graduate student provide college transcript.
- Recommendations—provide with the application three to six letters of recommendation from your troop, post, crew, group, school, teacher, counselor, employer, minister, business leader, civic leader, or other community leaders.

# Young American Award Application

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Requirement: 19 through 25 when student applies for the award.) **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print and Provide Complete Information)

**Nomination of** (student full name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Day Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ Day Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**College Address** \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Cell ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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; math; music; religion; and science.

**Career Plans** (statement of nominee's present career plans):**High School Completed**

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Current College Grade**

(College freshmen provide high school transcript.)

(College sophomores to graduate student provide college transcript.)

\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Graduate School

College Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendations**

Provide with the application three to six 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**For Local Council Office Use**

Council No. \_\_\_\_\_ Council Headquarters City \_\_\_\_\_

Council Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Day E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit Application to Local Council Office No Later than January 31, 2024.**