

2023 YWCA ELGIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

YWCA Elgin will present a \$2,000 scholarship to one (1) female high school senior residing within the School District U-46 boundaries who demonstrates leadership characteristics and will be pursuing a higher education.

Deadline: Midnight on March 2, 2023

CRITERIA

To be eligible for this award, the applicant must:

1. Be a female high school senior.
2. Currently be enrolled in a School District U-46 high school or home-schooled and living within the district's boundaries.
3. Be planning to continue their education, not limited to college.
4. Exhibit evidence of strong leadership ability.
5. Exhibit involvement in community service.
6. Exhibit involvement in high school activities.
7. Exhibit involvement in activities that embody the YWCA Elgin's mission.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. The application is to be completed by the student applicant.
2. The application must be typed.
3. The application must be signed.
4. Attach two letters of recommendation from:
 - a. A high school teacher, counselor, or other school administrator.
 - b. A member of the community (non-relative).
5. Attach a copy of your unofficial high school transcript.
6. Application and supporting materials must be submitted by **midnight on March 2, 2023**. Applications can be submitted by email to info@ywcaelgin.org, online at <https://www.ywcaelgin.org/yla23/>, or by mail/in person to YWCA Elgin, 220 East Chicago Street, Elgin, IL 60120. Please do not bind or staple application materials.

APPLICATION PERIOD/TIMETABLE (estimated):

- January 18, 2023 – Distribution of application materials.
- March 2, 2023 – Application deadline.
- March 3 – April 4, 2023 – Committee will review applications and interview applicants if needed.
- April 5, 2023 – Award recipient will be notified.
- May 11, 2023 - The Award Recipient will be honored at the Leader Luncheon event held at the Seville Banquet Hall from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Attendance is mandatory.

2023 YWCA ELGIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Due March 2, 2023, by midnight to the YWCA Elgin

Name of Applicant _____

First

Middle

Last

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Current Age _____

High School You Currently Attend _____

What colleges, universities, or trade schools have you applied to? Name of School; City/State; Status (accepted, waiting, other)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What major field of study do you intend to enter (if known)? _____

The YWCA Elgin Youth Leadership Award and Scholarship are awarded in May each year and are for one year of school only. The YWCA Elgin Youth Leadership Committee will require enrollment verification from the college/university/trade school that you attend prior to the disbursement of the scholarship.

I certify that the information provided herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements may lead to disqualification from the scholarship program.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Attention Parents and Guardians: The YWCA Elgin may use photos, essays and other materials submitted by scholarship participants in its programs, donation solicitation and social media. Please sign below if you consent to this use.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Contact Information

Name: _____

First

Last

Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

Preferred Form of Contact (please select all that apply): Email Phone Call Text

Best time to contact you (please select all that apply): Daytime Evening (after 5:00 pm)

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A. Complete the application form.

B. On a separate document, in paragraph form, answer the following questions.

1. Briefly answer the following questions:
 - a. What has been your leadership involvement? Have you served in any elected and/or appointed positions?
 - b. Please describe your involvement in extracurricular, volunteer, or community activities.
 - c. Have you received any awards or honors? If so, what are they, and what were they for?
 - d. Are you employed? If so, how many hours do you work per week, and what are your responsibilities?
 - e. Please describe any struggles you have encountered.
 - f. What are your career goals, and how will this scholarship help you achieve them?
2. Essay questions (in paragraph form answer the questions below)
 - a. How do you embody the YWCA Elgin's Mission? (Mission Statement can be found below)
 - b. Why do you deserve the YWCA Elgin's Youth Leadership Award & Scholarship?

C. Attach two letters of reference: One (1) from a high school teacher, counselor, or other school administrator and one (1) from a member of the community (non-relative) who is familiar with your background, abilities, leadership roles, and your potential for achievement in your continued education after high school. Reference letters must include the name, address, and phone number of the person providing the reference. Family members and persons under 18 years of age may not provide letters of reference for you.

D. Attach a copy of your unofficial transcript.

Checklist:

- Application form completed and signed
- Responses to questions attached
- Two letters of reference attached
- Unofficial transcript attached

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YWCA Elgin Mission- YWCA Elgin is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.