2020 YOUNG PEOPLE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Applications Due: Monday, September 21, 2020

The Young People of Achievement Awards recognize Alaskan youth, ages 16-18, who have overcome major obstacles in their lives, and who have made efforts toward fulfilling the mission of the YWCA: to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Nomination Criteria:

The nominee must:
- Be 16-18 years of age;
- Live in the state of Alaska;
- Have faced one or more major obstacles in their life;
- Have made efforts to fulfilling the YWCA’s mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Honoree Package:

Selected youth will be celebrated with the following award package:
- Cash award
- Public recognition during the Women of Achievement & Youth Awards Week in early November 2020.
- Up to 2 hours of free financial and career consultation—courtesy of the YWCA Women’s Economic Empowerment Center. This can include assistance with: college or scholarship applications, resume or cover letter writing, interview skills, budgeting, saving, understanding debt and credit, or career planning.

Application Process:

Attached is the Application form, which is also available on our website, www.ywcaak.org. Application packets must be complete and submitted via email, delivered, or received in the mail by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020.

It may be emailed to jlavoie@alaskacf.org (preferred), hand delivered between the hours of 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, or mailed to: YWCA Alaska: YPOA Selection Committee, 3400 Spenard Road, Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99503.

Questions? Please contact Jessie Lavoie at 907-249-6616 or jlavoie@alaskacf.org.

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2020 Young People of Achievement Awards Application Form

Please complete all information requested below. Please type or print clearly.

Name of Applicant: __________________________________________________________________________

Age: _____ Birth Date: _______________ Grade: __________________________________________________

Cell Phone: _____________________________ Home Phone: ________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City: ______________________ State: ______ Zip: ________ Email: __________________________

School: _______________________________ Race/Ethnicity: _________________________________

Please submit the following items with your application packet:

☐ Application Form (this form)

☐ One letter of recommendation from an adult willing to be a reference (this can include a
letter from past or current employers, school staff, program staff, clergy, or any others in
the community that you feel are applicable). You may use the Young People of
Achievement Letter of Recommendation form below or attach a separate document to your
application.

Three Short Essays:

☐ A short biography (one-page maximum). Please be sure to include your volunteer
experience, interests and hobbies.

☐ Respond in at least two paragraphs to the following question: What obstacle(s) in your life
has been the most challenging, and how did you overcome it/them?

☐ Respond in at least two paragraphs to the following question: What have you personally
done towards fulfilling one or more components of the mission of the YWCA, which is to
eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all?

A completed packet, including all items on the checklist above, must be received by the
YWCA Alaska office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020.
Young People of Achievement Letter of Recommendation

Applicant Name: _________________________________ How long have you known the Applicant? _________

How do you know the Applicant? ________________________________________________________________

Name:_________________________________________ Position:____________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Contact Phone:  ____________________

As part of your reference for the Applicant, please include why you believe s/he should be a Young Person of Achievement. Include, if known, how s/he has overcome obstacles in her/his life and/or how s/he is personally working to eliminate racism and empower women. Please limit your recommendation to no more than one page.

Signature:_________________________________________ Date: _____________________