SPRING 2024
YOUNG PEOPLE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Applications Due: Wed, May 15, 2024

YWCA Alaska’s Young People of Achievement Awards recognize Alaska 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 applicant 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 recognized and celebrated with the following awardee package:
♦ Public recognition at an event to be hosted at the YWCA office in Anchorage in late May
♦ $2,000 Scholarship from Alaska 529

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 or received in mail by Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

The packet may be emailed to tiarraredding@cu1.org (preferred), hand delivered to YWCA offices (call for office hours), or mailed to: YWCA Alaska: YPOA Selection Committee, 3400 Spenard Road, Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99503.

QUESTIONS
Please contact Tiarra Gustin at 907-242-2482 or gustint@cu1.org.

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Young People of Achievement Application Form

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

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Age: ____________  Birth Date: ________________  Grade: ______________________

Cell Phone: ___________________________  Home Phone: ______________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________  State: ______  Zip: ______  Email: ______________________________

School: __________________________  Race/Ethnicity: ______________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________  Phone: ______________________________

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/have 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 checklist above must be received by YWCA Alaska by Wednesday May 15, 2024.
Young People of Achievement Letter of Recommendation

Applicant Name: ___________________________ How long have you known the Applicant? ________

How do you know the Applicant? ________________________________________________________________

Your 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 one page only.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________