



Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh 2022-23 Youth of the Year Application

A Youth of the Year (YOY) candidate embodies Boys & Girls Clubs of America's three Priority outcome areas of Academic Success, Good Character and Citizenship, and living a Healthy Lifestyle. Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor bestowed upon club members. A Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Youth of the Year is selected from a pool of members who have been named Youth of the Month in the last year. The Youth of the Year serves as a role model for other young people in the club and is a representative in the community. Below is the Youth of the Year Application Checklist. All materials must be handed in by **Wednesday, October 12th, 2022**.

Application Materials Checklist:

- Cover Letter and Resume (Please attach copies, or hand in separate)
- High School Transcripts (Please attach copies or hand in separate)
- Candidate Nomination Form
- Essays (3 Questions- Limit to 5,000 characters including spaces in each essay)

*All participants must be interviewed by a judging panel after all materials are submitted- the date of the judging panel is yet to be determined.

For questions, please contact Jed Carlson, Graduation and Career Coordinator, at jedc@bgcosh.org or 920-252-5589.

Candidate Nomination Form

Name:

Age:

Birthdate:

Grade:

Projected Graduation Date:

Name of High School Attending:

Tentative College Choice:

Anticipated Career Choice:

Length of Club Membership:

Number of Volunteer Hours (in the last 12 months):

What are your Defining Characteristics? (in two words):

Personal Quote (This should be in your own words. Please do not use an inspirational quote from another source):

Please describe the top three reasons you should be chosen as Youth of the Year:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please Provide three examples of what you hope to accomplish if you were selected to be Youth of the Year:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Essay Questions

Essay #1: My Club Experience

Explain why you come to the club and how it impacted your life. Describe the skills you have developed and strengthened, activities you have participated in or roles you have filled, supportive relationships with peers or an adult at Club, and examples of your participation in club community engagement efforts (e.g., presentations, service learning projects, campaigns)

Essay #2: What Matters to Me

A great foundation for leadership begins with identifying interests, passions, and issues that are important to you. Actions and daily practices shaped by these things help you to be an advocate in

your club or community. What sparks your interest or passion? What is an issue that is important to you? Describe an interest or passion that you have put into action or plan to in the future.

Essay #3: Personal Growth

This topic is taken directly from the Common Application essay prompts. The Common Application is a platform used by many colleges. Take extra care when drafting this section, as you may be able to use it again when applying to the colleges and universities of your choice.

Discuss an accomplishment, event or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others. Consider the following prompts.

- Highlight some of the strengths you possess that helped you in your journey.
- What did you learn?
- Why is it important to develop an understanding of others?