



## 2023 Children's Week Florida™ Youth Advocate Award Nomination Information & Instructions

Please contact [info@childrensweek.org](mailto:info@childrensweek.org) or 850-487-6300 for more information or questions.

### Deadline:

Nominations due **Friday, January 13, 2023** (Nomination forms will not be accepted after this deadline)

### Award Description:

The **Children's Week Florida™ Youth Advocate Award** is presented to a young person who has worked diligently over the past year as an advocate, initiating positive change for themselves, their peers, their communities, or statewide. Youth advocate efforts and examples may include, but are not limited to:

- creating awareness
- engaging in creative efforts and activities
- demonstrating strong youth leadership
- working collaboratively to improve the lives of others
- supporting programs and/or policies that have benefited children and families

This **2023 Youth Advocate Award** recipient will be honored on **Monday, March 27, 2023** during the Children's Week Florida™ Advocacy Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The award recipient will also be invited to participate in Children's Week Florida™ events across the week, including Children's Day at the Capitol (March 28) and Teen Thursday (March 30).

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Nominees must be under 18 or in school (K-12) at the time of their nomination.
- Nominees should be currently involved in advocacy efforts or actively encouraging ongoing advocacy efforts at the local or state level that have improved the lives of children, youth, and families.
- Teachers, parents, mentors, students, and others are invited to submit a nomination for a youth advocate that inspires them; or youth may nominate themselves.

### To Submit a Nomination:

1. Complete all fields and sign the **Nominee Information Form**.
2. Provide answers and complete the **Nominee Narrative/Personal Statement**. This section should describe the nominee's contributions and/or commitment to serving children, youth, and families.
3. Include a recent **Photo** of nominee (*jpeg or png*).

### Additional Information:

- Nominations will be reviewed by the Children's Week Florida™ Advocacy Awards Committee, a volunteer peer review group consisting of previous Chiles Advocacy Award winners, community partners, and other advocates.
- Submit the completed nomination package by the deadline via email to [info@childrensweek.org](mailto:info@childrensweek.org) with the subject line: **Nominee Name - Youth Advocate Award**
- You may mail a hard copy of nomination package and supporting documentation to:

Children's Week Florida c/o Children's Forum  
Attn: Advocacy Awards Committee  
1211 Governors Square Blvd, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

**Children's Week Florida™ Youth Advocate Award  
Nominee Information Form**

<b>Nominee Name</b>				
<b>School or Organization</b>				
<b>Grade Level or Position</b>				
<b>Phone</b>				
<b>Email</b>				
<b>Please provide contact information for the youth nominee's parent or guardian:</b>				
<b>Name</b>				
<b>Phone</b>				
<b>Email</b>				
<b>Mailing Address</b>				
<b>City</b>		<b>State</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>

<b>Nominator Name</b>				
<b>School or Organization</b>				
<b>Position or Title</b>				
<b>Phone</b>				
<b>Email</b>				
<b>Mailing Address</b>				
<b>City</b>		<b>State</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>

**Nominee/Nominator Statement:** *By submitting this nomination, I attest that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My submission also confirms my consent and permission for the Youth Advocate Award sponsoring organizations (Children's Week Florida™ and Children's Forum) to publish items within this nomination package in any related communications and promotions.*

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_



**Children's Week Florida™ Youth Advocate Award  
Nominee Narrative / Personal Statement**

*Tip: Provide thorough answers and examples to paint a picture of the nominee and his/her advocacy efforts.*

1. Please describe how the youth nominee's advocacy efforts embody leadership, dedication, and/or passion for positive change.

2. How has the nominee's advocacy efforts and/or service impacted their local community or statewide?

3. Please describe how the nominee has been an advocate on behalf of others in school, the local community, state, or country within the past year. If self-nominating, please provide a personal statement here. *(500 words maximum)*

