



**2025 Youth Advocate Award
Nominations due by Friday, January 10, 2025**

What is the Youth Advocate Award?

The 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 public 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

Who is eligible to receive this award?

- Anyone can submit a nomination; you may nominate yourself
- Teachers, parents, mentors, students and others are encouraged to submit a nomination for a youth advocate that inspires them
- Nominees must be under 18 years of age or in school (K-12) at the time of their nomination
- Nominees should be actively involved in advocacy at the local or state level that have improved the lives of children, youth, and families

When will you announce the 2025 Youth Advocate Award recipient?

The 2025 recipient will be honored on **Monday, April 14, 2025**. The public announcement will take place during our annual Children's Week Florida™ Advocacy Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The recipient will be invited to take part in various activities and speaking engagements throughout next year's Children's Week Florida™ events in Tallahassee, Florida.

Who selects the recipient?

- Nominations are reviewed by the Florida After School, Inc. Board of Directors and the Children's Week Florida™ Advocacy Awards Committee, consisting of former award winners, community partners, and advocates.
- Nominees will have the option to submit a 2-minute video or a 500-word personal statement to accompany their nomination. Nominees may use this opportunity to provide any additional information not shared by the nominator.

What if I don't want to fill out the online form?

If you prefer a handwritten form, please complete this PDF and send a completed version to one of the options below:

Mail a hard copy:

Children's Week Florida
Attn: Advocate Awards Committee
1650 Summit Lake Drive, Suite 210, Tallahassee, FL 32317

Send an email:

info@childrensweek.org with the subject line: [Nominee Name - Award Title]

For example, "Jessica Johnson – 2025 Youth Advocate Award"



2025 Youth Advocate Award Nomination

Nominator Information

What is your first and last name?

What organization do you currently work for?

If not applicable, what organization did you most recently work for?

What is/was your role at this organization?

Please provide your position or title.

Please provide your contact information.

- Phone:
- Email:
- Mailing Address:

Nominee Information

(must include Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Who are you submitting this nomination for?

Please provide their first and last name.

What is the nominee's current age?

What school does the nominee currently attend?

What is the nominee's current grade level?

Please provide contact information for the youth nominee and their parent or guardian.

- Nominee:
 - Phone:
 - Email:
 - Mailing Address:
- Nominee's Parent or Guardian:
 - Name:
 - Phone:
 - Email:
 - Mailing Address:

Tell Us About the Nominee

How has this youth created public awareness of issues impacting other young children, teens, or families in their school, youth organization, local community (county/region), or state *[300-500 words]*

Has this youth engaged in creative efforts and activities to enhance the future of other young children, teens, or families in their school, youth organization, or community? If so, please include examples. *[500-750 words]*

How do this youth's advocacy efforts embody dedication and passion for positive change for other children, teens, and families? Please be descriptive. *[300-500 words]*

How has this youth demonstrated strong leadership skills in their school, youth organization, or community? Please include examples. [500-750 words]

Can you share an example of this youth's impact locally or statewide? [500-750 words]

Please provide a recent photo of the youth nominee. [png or jpeg]

Please agree to the following statement: *By submitting this nomination, I attest that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My submission confirms my consent and permission for the 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: