



2026 Youth Advocate Award

**Nomination Deadline
Friday, November 21, 2025**

What is the Youth Advocate Award?

The Youth Advocate Award is presented to a young person in Florida 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?

- Nominees must be Florida residents 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, teens, and families
- Self-nominated candidates
- Candidates nominated by teachers, parents, mentors, students, and others

When will you announce the 2026 Youth Advocate Award recipient?

The 2026 recipient will be honored on **Monday, February 23, 2026**. 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 Children's Week Florida Advocacy Awards Committee, which is composed of former award recipients, community partners, and dedicated advocates. All nominations will be pre-screened to ensure eligibility. If a nominee's qualifications align better with a different award category (Chiles, Impact, or Youth), the nominator will be contacted regarding any recommended changes.
- 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 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 – 2026 Youth Advocate Award"



2026 Youth Advocate Nomination Form

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 does 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]*

Submit a high-quality headshot or photo of the nominee (no group pictures/photos) *[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:



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