



2026 Youth Advocate Award

**Nomination Deadline
November 21, 2025**

What is the Youth Advocate Award?

The Youth Advocate Award is presented to a young person in Florida (under the age of 18 or a current K-12 student) 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 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, youth, and families

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.

Who selects the recipient?

Nominations are reviewed by the Florida After School, Inc. Board of Directors and 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.

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 – 2026 Youth Advocate Award"



**2026 Youth Advocate Award
Nomination Form (Self-Nominee)**

Nominee Information

What is your first and last name?

How old are you?

What school do you currently attend?

What is your current
grade level?

Are you part of a youth organization?

Yes

No

If yes, what youth organization(s)
are you actively engaged with?

Do you have a position or title
with this youth organization?

Please provide your contact information.

Phone:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Please provide the contact information
for your parent or guardian
(must include Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Tell Us About Yourself

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

How have you engaged in creative efforts and activities to enhance the future of other young children, teens, or families in your school, youth organization, or community? Please include examples. **[500-750 words]**

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

Have you demonstrated strong leadership skills in your school ,youth organization, or community?
Please include examples. *[500-750 words]*

Can you share an example of your impact locally or statewide? *[500-750 words]*

Submit a high-quality headshot or photo of yourself (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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