2022 Children's Week Florida Youth™ Advocate Award
Nomination Instructions

Please contact info@childrensweek.org or 850-487-6300 with any questions

Deadline:
Nominations due **Sunday, October 31, 2021** at 6:00 PM EST
(Nomination packages received after this deadline will not be accepted)

Award Description:
The **Children's Week Florida™ Youth Advocate Award** is presented to a young person who has initiated or diligently worked on behalf of positive change in support of programs or policies that benefit children, youth, and families in their school, community, or statewide.

This year's youth recipient will be honored on Monday, January 31, 2021 during the Children's Week Florida™ Advocacy Reception and Awards Ceremony. They will also be invited to participate in the Children's Week Florida™ Teen Town Hall on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 helping inspire other young minds.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Anyone can submit a nomination *(e.g. teachers, parents, mentors, students)* or a youth may nominate themselves.
- Youth nominees must be under 18 or still in school (K -12) at the time of nomination.
- Youth nominees should be currently involved in advocacy efforts or actively encouraging ongoing advocacy efforts to improve the lives of children, youth and their families at the local or state level.

Required Nomination Package Components:
1. **Nomination Form** – Must complete all fields of the form and sign.
2. **Narrative Summary & Personal Statement** – Provide a narrative summary or personal statement that describes the youth nominee's contributions and/or commitment to serving children, youth, and families *(total 750-word maximum)*.
3. **Photo** – Include a photo of nominee in jpeg or png format.

Additional Information:
- All 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 and other advocates.

- Submit the completed nomination package by the deadline via email to info@childrensweek.org *(Subject: Nominee Name - Youth Advocate Award)* or you may send a hard copy of 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
Nomination Form

Full Name	
School or Organization	
Grade Level or Position	
Phone	
Email	

Please provide youth nominee's parent or guardian's contact information below:					
Full Name					
Phone					
Email					
Mailing Address					
City		**State**		**Zip Code**	

Nominator Information

Full Name					
School or Organization					
Position or Title					
Phone					
Email					
Mailing Address					
City		**State**		**Zip Code**	

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 contained within this nomination package in any related communications and promotions.*

Signature _____   **Date** _____

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Narrative Summary & Personal Statement

Tip: Be thorough, provide examples, and paint a complete picture of the nominee.

In 750 words or less, provide a narrative or personal statement that describes how the nominee (or you, if you are self-nominating) has been an advocate on behalf of others in school, the local community, state, or country within the past year. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Creating awareness strategies;
- Engaging in creative efforts and activities;
- Demonstrating strong youth leadership;
- Working collaboratively to improve the lives of others; and/or
- Supporting programs and/or policies that have benefited children and families.