



2021 Children's Week Florida Youth Advocate Award Nomination Instructions

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

Deadline:

Nominations due **Thursday, February 18, 2021** at 6:00 PM EST

(Nomination packages received after this deadline will not be accepted)

Award Description:

The inaugural **Children's Week Florida™ Youth Advocate Award** will be presented on April 5, 2021 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. The Youth Advocate Award recipient will also be invited to participate in the Children's Week Florida™ Virtual Teen Town Hall on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

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 working on behalf of children, youth, and families (total 750-word maximum).
3. **Photo** – Include a photo of nominee in jpeg or png format.

Additional Information:

- Award recipient and nominator will be notified by **March 19, 2021**.
- The Children's Week Florida™ Advocacy Awards Committee, a volunteer peer review group consisting of previous award winners and other advocates, will review all nominations.
- Submit the completed nomination package by 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

Youth Nominee Information

Name					
School or Organization					
Grade Level or Position					
Please provide youth nominee's parent or guardian's contact information below:					
Name					
Phone					
Email					
Mailing Address					
City		State		Zip Code	

Nominator Information

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

Nominee/Nominator Statement: *My signature below confirms that the information submitted in this nomination package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My signature also confirms my consent and permission for the Children's Week Florida™ and Children's Forum) to publish items contained within this nomination package in any related communications and promotions.*

Signature _____

Date _____



Children's Week Florida™ Youth Youth Advocate Award Narrative Summary & Personal Statement

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

