



Bauer
Family Resources

Celebrate Youth Awards 2024 Application

About Bauer Family Resources

Bauer Family Resources is a non-profit social services organization serving West Central Indiana to empower children and their families to thrive. The Celebrate Youth Awards were created in 2010 to support this mission.

About the Awards Program

Celebrate Youth was created to recognize young people in our community who keep doing the right things, even when it is hard—staying in school, taking on extra responsibilities at home, encouraging their peers or making good choices even when they are unpopular. These are young people who have lots of reasons to give up, but don't.

We want to recognize them for their remarkable “everyday” accomplishments. You can help us celebrate by nominating a youth that you know (young people can nominate themselves as well by asking an adult to complete the Asset Builder questions!).

There are 5 award categories, winners in each of the five categories will receive a \$1,000 cash award! There is an additional award for the Youth of the Year with an award of \$2,000. These cash awards are made possible by generous community groups who recognize the importance of celebrating young people and their accomplishments.

A banquet is tentatively scheduled for the evening of June 28, 2024.

Eligibility, Guidelines, & Due Date

- Applications are to be submitted by emailed to mpryor@bauerfamilyresources.org.
- Applications must be received by March 24th at 5:00 pm (Be sure to include the Applicant/Mentor Information Sheet and Media Release). Winners will be selected by April 12th.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in the 11th, or 12th grade or equivalent and reside in Tippecanoe, Clinton, Carroll, White, Warren, & Fountain Counties (IN).
- Each application requires an adult who will need to complete the Asset Builder section of the application. An appropriate mentor is an adult who can speak to the youth's personal qualities, accomplishments, and impact on the community. It is preferred that the Asset Builder not be related to applicants.
- Youth Applicants may apply for up to three award categories.
- Call (765) 742-4848 or email mpryor@bauerfamilyresources.org with any questions.

Tips for Completing Your Application

1. Answer every question. If a question has multiple parts, make sure you address each point separately and clearly.
2. Your answers do not have to be long. They do, however, need to be clear. Your answers are the only things the reviewers will have to consider as they make their decisions.
3. These questions are designed to help us get to know you!
4. Read your responses as if you don't know who the applicant is and ask yourself if the responses are clear and convey what you want them to convey.



Award Categories

Creative Self-Expression Award

This young person has demonstrated exceptional commitment in an artistic endeavor or other method of self-expression. This might take the form of the fine arts (such as painting, drawing, sculpture), performing arts (such as dance, theater, music), creative writing, film-making, web design, or any other creative undertaking. This young person's creative activities contribute to his/her positive sense of self, purpose, and perspective on the future.

1. Tell us about the ways you creatively self-express. Do you paint, sculpt, play an instrument, write poetry, dance or some other form?
2. Why is your Art important to you?
3. Describe a situation or circumstance that you have faced that was challenging.
4. How did this impact/affect/influence your art?
5. How did your Art help you cope with this situation/circumstances?
6. What impact has your Art had on your life?
7. Is there anything else you want the committee to know?

The Charles Mikels' Citizenship Through Service Award

This young person has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to serving his/her community. By providing service to others (individuals, organizations, charities, causes, etc.), this individual is an example of how young people are valuable resources in the community. Through his/her volunteerism and leadership, this young person demonstrates positive values such as caring, integrity, responsibility, and equality and social justice.

1. Tell us about the ways you give back to your community. Do you volunteer, help neighbors etc.
2. Why are citizenship and service important to you?
3. Describe a situation or circumstance that you have faced that was challenging.
4. How did this impact you?
5. How did citizenship and service help you cope with this situation/circumstance?
6. What impact has giving back to your community had on your life?
7. Is there anything else you want the committee to know?

Sportsmanship Award

This young person has demonstrated high ideals of sportsmanship in the context of his/her athletic activities. In both practice and competition, this individual is an example of integrity, responsibility, and high expectations. Through relationships with coaches, teammates, and competitors, this young person demonstrates how positive character can be developed and exhibited through athletic pursuits.

1. Tell us about the sport(s) you participate in.
 2. Why is it important to you to participate in sport(s)?
 3. Describe a situation or circumstance that you have faced that was challenging.
 4. How did this impact/affect/influence your sportsmanship?
 5. How did your participation in sports help you cope with this situation/circumstances?
 6. What impact has your sport had on your life?
 7. Is there anything else you want the committee to know?
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Commitment to Learning Award

Commitment to Learning may or may not be a 4.0 GPA Honor Roll Student. This young person demonstrates a desire and willingness to pursue education despite barriers or other difficult circumstances. This can be evident by this young person's active engagement in courses, projects, and other educational pursuits to attain success. This young person might also help foster a love for learning in others.

1. Tell us about your commitment to learning.
2. Why is learning and/or school important to you?
3. Describe a situation or circumstance that you have faced that was challenging.
4. How did this impact/affect/influence your learning?
5. How did your commitment to learning help you cope with this situation/circumstances?
6. What impact has learning had on your life?
7. Is there anything else you want the committee to know?

Bouncing Back Award

This young person has demonstrated resilience in the face of difficult obstacles. This individual has experienced one or more substantial obstacles which were a source of stress or risk in his/her life. Using a variety of skills (planning & decision making, interpersonal skills, resistance skills, conflict resolution, etc.), this young person has "bounced back" by coping with life's challenges.

1. Describe a situation or circumstance that you have faced that was challenging.
2. How did you overcome or "bounce back" from this situation or circumstance?
3. How has overcoming this situation or circumstance impacted your life today?
4. What did you learn from this experience? How will what you learned help you in the future?
5. Is there anything else you want the committee to know?

Asset Builder Questions (Adult Questions)

This section is to be completed by an adult who knows the applicant personally and can attest to why they are so deserving of this award. Responses need to be typed and double-spaced with no more than 500 words per response.

1. How do you know the nominee?
2. Why do you feel the young person should be recognized with this award?
3. How is the applicant viewed as a role model to others?
4. How does the applicant reflect the spirit and intent of these awards?

William J. McCaw Scholarship (additional opportunity)

Celebrate Youth applicants are eligible to receive a scholarship through the William J. McCaw Scholarship Fund in addition to the Celebrate Youth Awards. To be eligible students must be enrolling into a college or university in the State of Indiana. Funds will be distributed directly to the institution. To apply for this opportunity please select that you would like to apply on the application cover sheet. In addition to the cover sheet, applicants for the William J. McCaw Scholarship fund must submit the following:

1. Copy of Transcripts
2. Write a brief letter discussing the college/university you will be attending and what your future plans are
3. If you have participated in Bauer programming in the past, please discuss your experience in your letter.



2024 Celebrate Youth Application Cover Sheet

Youth and Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____
Last , First

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Address: _____
Street Apt./Unit City State ZIP

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone# _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Last First

Parent/Guardian
Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian
Telephone: _____
Home Cell/Work

School*: _____ Grade: _____

*Applicant must be currently enrolled in high school or currently working toward a GED. Students who have received a high school diploma or GED are NOT eligible to apply.

- Award Category (select up to 3):
- Creative Self-Expression Award
 - Charles Mikels' Citizenship Through Service Award
 - Sportsmanship Award
 - Commitment to Learning Award
 - Bouncing Back Award

Additional Scholarship Opportunity:

In addition to the financial award provided through the Celebrate Youth Awards, applicants to CY are eligible to receive a scholarship through the William J. McCaw Scholarship Fund. To be eligible students must be enrolling into a higher education institution in the State of Indiana. Funds will be distributed directly to the college or university.



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- Check this circle if you are also applying for the William J. McCaw Scholarship and have included your most recent high school transcripts and a short letter discussing your plans for future education.
- Check this circle if you or your immediate family have participated in Bauer Family Resources programs outside of Celebrate Youth.

My signature below indicates that all information included in this application is true, to the best of my knowledge.

Youth Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature



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"Asset Builder" Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Apt./Unit City State ZIP

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Home Cell/Work

- Should the youth be selected as an award recipient, I understand that information from my letter of recommendation may be shared at the 2024 Celebrate Youth! Award Banquet. If there is information that I would prefer not to be shared, I must let Bauer staff know at least two (2) weeks prior to the event.

My signature below indicates that all information included in this application is true, to the best of my knowledge.

"Asset Builder" Signature Date