



Celebrate Youth Awards 2023 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, 2023.

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?



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?
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2023 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

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

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

Youth Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



2023 Celebrate Youth Application Cover Sheet

"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 2022 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



Release Form for Media Recording

Please complete and attach to application.

I, _____, do hereby consent and agree that Bauer Family Resources, its employees, or agents have the right to photograph, videotape, or digitally record me and to use these photographs, video tapes, or recordings in any Bauer Family Resources media and all media, now or hereafter known, and exclusively for the purpose of Bauer Family Resources or its agents. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed by descriptive text or commentary.

I do hereby release Bauer Family Resources, its agents, and employees all rights to exhibit this work in print and electronic form publicly or privately and to market and sell copies. I waive any rights, claims, or interest I may have to control the use of my identity or likeness in whatever media used.

I understand that there will be no financial or other remuneration for recording me, either for initial or subsequent transmission or playback.

I also understand that Bauer Family Resources is not responsible for any expense or liability incurred as a result of my participation in this recording, including medical expenses due to any sickness or injury incurred as a result.

Should I be selected as an award recipient, I understand that information from my application essays will be used in Celebrate Youth future publications by Bauer Family Resources. If there is information that I would prefer not to be shared, I must let Bauer staff know at least two weeks prior to the event.

Should I be selected as an award recipient, I consent to speak to representatives of the media prior to, during, or after the Celebrate Youth! Banquet.

Yes _____ No _____

I represent that I am at least 18 years of age, and have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement.

OR

If I am under 18 years of age, an appropriate parent or guardian had read and understood the foregoing statement and is competent to execute this agreement.

Participant Name : _____

Participant Signature : _____ Date : _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____