

2026 YMCA Young Leaders Scholarship Application

Judging criteria includes:

1. Academics
2. Extracurricular Activities
3. YMCA Connection
4. Community Involvement/Volunteerism
5. Financial Need

A. STUDENT PROFILE

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

My local YMCA is: _____ Member: YES or NO

B. EDUCATIONAL DATA

****Attach HS transcript & Copy of SAT or ACT scores****

Please do not send documents that you need returned OR staple any documents.

SAT Score or ACT Score Name of College/School You Plan to Attend Anticipated Major

Occupation I plan to pursue:

How many family members will attend college next year? (Include yourself) _____

Annual cost of college you plan to attend (Tuition, Room & Board): \$

Amount of money you have saved for college: \$

Expected Family Contribution for college? \$

Have you applied for Financial Aid? Yes No If YES, for what?

Do you intend to be enrolled full-time at a 2- or 4-year college/university, an accredited trade school in the fall? (*Scholarship is contingent upon enrollment)

upon fulltime status and will not be distributed if student is not fulltime; this status must be confirmed on 10-day enrollment report from the college/university or trade school.) _____



C. PERSONAL BIO

Attach a bio that will be read at the event if you are selected. Bio should be 3 paragraphs and written in the third person and not exceed 1 page:

PP1: Who you are, where you went to school and any accomplishments achieved, anything about your family or hobbies/interests you'd like to share.

PP2: How you have demonstrated leadership skills and/or given back to your community.

PP3: Where you are heading, your goals, your dreams, etc.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS

Attach two letters of recommendation from your teacher, youth pastor, school principal, etc. to your application. They should highlight their relationship with you, the character qualities they see in you, and the number of years they have known you.

E. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Attach a resume/list of extracurricular activities on a separate page.

F. SIGNATURES

Student Signature/Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date: _____

G. CHECK LIST / FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Use the following checklist to ensure that all the necessary contents are included with your application. Failure to submit any part of this list will result in automatic disqualification! Also, be sure that the contents are arranged in this order. Do not fold or staple. Faxed or emailed applications will NOT be accepted.

- Completed application
- One-page personal biography (this will be read at the event)
- Résumé or other activity summary
- Recommendation letters (2)
- Copy of SAT or ACT report
- High School Transcript

Please Note and check the following:

- Postmarked application (in large manilla envelope) must be postmarked by March 20th. You can also drop them off at 900 KY Parkway by March 20th.
- Candidates must be available to attend the Young Leaders Luncheon held at the KWC on Friday, August 7, 2026.

Upon receipt of all requested materials, a scholarship committee will review the information. In fairness to all applicants, the Scholarship Review Panel consists of volunteers only. Individual names will be excluded from viewing to ensure objectivity.

COUNSELOR SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

MAIL OR DELIVER APPLICATION AND REQUIRED PAPERWORK TO (By March 20, 2026)

Owensboro Family YMCA – YLL Committee

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