



Diocese of Helena

Outstanding Youth Award



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Apply online at:
diocesehelena.org/outstandingyouthaward

Description & Instructions

On the occasion of the Diocese of Helena Catholic Youth Coalition Convention, the “Outstanding Youth Award” will be presented to two outstanding youth (one male and one female) from the Diocese of Helena.

Each winner will receive a \$500 scholarship, courtesy of our sponsors The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena. All nominees will be recognized and the two winners announced at CYC Convention, scheduled for March 22-24, 2024 at Carroll College. All nominations and documents must be RECEIVED by March 4, 2024.

Requirements and award criteria are as follows:

- Candidates must be a Senior in high school.
- Candidates must be from the Diocese of Helena
- He or she should be in good standing in their parish, community, and school.
- He or she should be regularly present at both liturgy and the parish faith formation programs.
- Award winners will be selected based on three criteria: Christian discipleship, service and leadership.

To nominate a youth for the award, the parish must submit the following:

1. **Completed Outstanding Youth Award Application** (Candidate name, contact info, etc.)
2. **Letter of recommendation** from the nominee’s Youth Minister, DRE, Pastor, or other adult who is responsible for youth ministry in the nominee’s parish. The endorsement should be 300-500 words and describe the nominee’s commitment to Christian discipleship, service, and leadership.
3. **Submit a written statement** (300-500 words) that answers the following question: *What does “Christian Discipleship, Service, and Leadership” mean to you, and how have you lived out these principles?*
4. **Pastor Endorsement Form**, which must be completed by nominee’s Pastor or Pastoral Administrator.
5. **OPTIONAL: Resume & 1 additional letter of recommendation.** In addition to the youth minister’s letter of recommendation, the nominee may submit one additional letter of recommendation from a non-related adult that describes the nominee’s commitment to Christian discipleship, service, and leadership. This may be from a teacher, employer, parishioner, etc. The nominee may also submit a resume.

Final decisions will be made by the Outstanding Youth Award Committee, an ad hoc group of individuals in our Diocese organized by the Manager of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Only completed applications with all required supporting documents will be considered.

Nominees may be contacted by phone for more information.

Questions? Contact Kevin Molm at 406.389.7055 or kmolm@diocesehelena.org.

All application materials must be received by March 4, 2024.

We prefer that materials be submitted online at diocesehelena.org/outstandingyouthaward

In extenuating circumstances, applications may be sent by mail to the address below
(ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 4, 2024!):

Diocese of Helena
Attn: OYYAM - Outstanding Youth Award PO Box 1729
Helena, MT 59624



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Checklist of Application Materials:

(Submit the following online by March 4, 2024: diocesehelena.org/outstandingyouthaward)

- Application Form (complete both pages!)
- Personal Statement (300-500 words)
- Endorsement Letter from Youth Minister (300-500 words)
- Pastor Endorsement Form
- OPTIONAL: Resume and 1 additional Letter of Recommendation

First Name:		Last Name:	
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Email:		Phone:	
Gender:	Graduation Month & Year:	Date of Birth:	
School Name (or "Homeschool"):		Cumulative GPA:	
Name of Parish:		Parish Location (Town/City):	
Parent First & Last Name:		Parent Phone:	
Pastor First & Last Name:		Pastor Phone:	
Youth Minister First Name:		Youth Minister Last Name:	
Youth Minister Email:		Youth Minister Phone:	

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List of Activities & Involvement



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Discipleship:

Service:

Leadership

Signature of Nominee: _____

By signing, you confirm that the information provided is accurate and true.

Date



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Pastor Endorsement Form
(Deadline: March 4, 2024)



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The Outstanding Youth Award is based on three criteria: Christian discipleship, service, and leadership. Nominees should be active, at minimum, in their local parish faith formation activities. We ask each nominee's pastor or pastoral administrator to complete this form to confirm his/her active involvement in parish life, especially regular attendance at Mass and participation in parish youth ministry and/or faith formation. We also welcome additional comments or a letter of recommendation.

Nominee First Name:	Nominee Last Name:
Pastor First Name:	Pastor Last Name:
Pastor Email:	Pastor Phone:
Parish Name:	Parish Location (Town/City):
Does the nominee regularly attend weekend Mass?	Does the nominee regularly participate in parish youth ministry events/activities?
Does the nominee participate in any parish ministries other than youth ministry/DRE? (Please list them.)	

Comments about the nominee (attach additional pages if necessary):

Signature of Pastor/Administrator: _____

By signing, you confirm that the information provided is accurate and true.

Date