

LAKWOOD RANCH COMMUNITY FUND
YOUTH HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR (YHOY)

Category

Candidate Essays

Interview

Public Speaking

Overall Application Quality

Description

Candidates must write essays about

1. What it means to give back to them
2. What Matters to Me
3. Personal Growth

The essays will be judged for content, clarity and overall quality.

Candidates should prepare for a 15-minute personal interview with judges. A panel of several judges may conduct the interview. Judges will ask each candidate the same questions, but follow-up questions may vary depending on each candidate's responses.

Candidates should be prepared to deliver a speech based on the content of their four application essays. **Speeches may be no longer than three minutes.** Candidates are strictly prohibited from using any notes or electronic devices at the audition. Candidates are also prohibited from using props and/or costumes. They will be judged on speech content, delivery, stage presence and poise.

Judges will assess each application – including the cover letter, resume and letters of recommendation – . For example, each candidate will provide two letters of recommendation from individuals who can personally attest to their leadership and potential. These will include:

1. Organization Recommendation
2. Community Recommendation

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First and Last Name

Date

To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, my name is First and Last Name

I believe I can represent the Lakewood Ranch Community Fund by ... (use 10 words or less).

I am applying for the role of Youth Humanitarian of the Year. I

The impact I will make as Youth Humanitarian of the year ... (use 150 words or less).

The three leadership characteristics I selected on my resume will help prepare me to make an impact as Youth of the Year ... (use 150 words or less).

My professional experience helps prepare me to make that impact as Youth of the Year ... (use 150 words or less).

Thank you for considering me for the role of Youth Humanitarian of the Year. I appreciate the opportunity to ... (use 10 words or less).

Sincerely,

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SAMPLE COMPLETED RESUME

Dr. J

Youth Humanitarian the Year Candidate Resume

The three leadership characteristics that best describe me are:

- **Project Leader:** I lead myself and/or others to complete a project.
- **Convener:** I bring people together who have different ideas and experiences to accomplish a purpose.
- **Continuous Learner:** I continuously look for opportunities to learn about myself, others and the world around me.

Professional Experience

Keystone President October 2018-May 2019

- Organized two teen nights at the Rosedale and Oakmont Clubs that resulted in 42 participants and eight new Keystone members
- Planned and led Key Club meetings with the support of my advisor and with input from Key Club members
- Co-led three service projects throughout the year to support the needs of our community and raise money to attend the Keystone Conference

Assistant Coach, Oakmont High School Swim Team November 2018-March 2019

- Led games at the beginning of each practice to help members feel safe and get to know each other
- Demonstrated new skills for younger members and helped coach their form and technique
- Co-led team family nights before each match to build excitement for swim matches

Coordinator for Oakmont Community Food Drive January 2019-March 2019

- Met with leaders of the Oakmont Food Pantry and Oakmont High School to plan the food drive
- Created and distributed flyers to promote the food drive in our community
- Organized and led volunteers throughout the day of the drive

Awards

Award

Community Volunteer of the Year Award

Oakmont High School Honors Society

Presenting Organization

Oakmont Boys & Girls Club Oakmont High School

Reason for Award

For the work I did to lead the community food drive

For my 3.6 GPA

Date Awarded

April 2019 May 2019

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Certifications

Red Cross, Oakmont

Certification

GPA

CPR Certification

3.6

Education

Date Certified

Current Grade Level

November 2019

11th grade

Graduation Date

Presenting Organization

June 2020

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Application

Candidate's Full Name (First, MI, Last)

Street Address

City, State, ZIP Code High School Name

Tentative College Choice Preferred First Name

DOB (MM-DD-YYYY) YYYY

Line 2 (apt, suite, etc.)

Projected Graduation Date

Home Phone Number

Preferred T-Shirt Size

Mobile Number

Anticipated Career Choice

Number of Volunteer Hours (in the last 12 months)

Personal Information

Write two words to describe your defining characteristics (e.g., kind, ambitious).

Personal Quote

Telephone Number

Telephone Number

Note: This should be in your own words. Please do not use an inspirational quote from another source. Use this opportunity to briefly say something about what your experience has meant to you.

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Please give this form to your parent or guardian to fill out and sign. Then return it to the Lakewood Ranch Community Fund Board (LWRCF.)

By signing this form, candidates and their parent(s)/guardian(s) acknowledge they have completed the application in full, including supporting documents; they have read and understand the requirements of the Youth Humanitarian of the Year job description and qualifications; and they have been truthful and honest when completing all forms. Parent/guardian signature indicates that they have agreed to the below on behalf of themselves and the candidate.

CANDIDATE HAS READ AND AGREE TO CARRY OUT THE STATED QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUTH HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR. CANDIDATE UNDERSTANDS THAT FAILURE TO MEET ANY OF THESE COULD DISQUALIFY THEM FROM THE PROCESS OR RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE YOUTH HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR TITLE at AND SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS AFFILIATED WITH YOUTH HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

Candidate understands that all Youth candidates are subject to a background check and is aware that details of my personal life and/or my family circumstances may become public knowledge.

Candidate understands that the requirements outlined in the YHOY Job Description, including those pertaining to character and integrity, are critical to the integrity of the program and that failure to meet the requirements could harm the program. Candidate recognizes LWRCF is the sole determiner of whether candidate has failed to meet those requirements, and in such case, candidate agrees to forfeit all rights and privileges associated with participation in the YHOY program, including any scholarship(s) dollars received as a part of the YHOY program. Candidate further understands actions that would result in a revocation of the YHOY title and scholarship include, but are not limited to: arrest, unlawful behavior, and/or acts of dishonesty.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read the Youth Humanitarian of the Year Job Description, understand the duties that will be required of me, and acknowledge failure to meet these requirements may result in me being asked to step down as Youth Humanitarian of the Year and in forfeiture of scholarship dollars associated with Youth Humanitarian of the Year.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____