



## **YOUTH OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

Since 1970, The Kiwanis Club of Birmingham has given more than \$250,000 in Youth of the Year Scholarship Awards to graduating seniors enrolled in Jefferson and Shelby County school systems. This scholarship is awarded to high school seniors that exemplify characteristics of scholarship, citizenship, service, and leadership.

Scholarships may not be awarded to (i) any child, stepchild, grandchild, or step grandchild of a Kiwanis Club of Birmingham member; (ii) or any child, stepchild, grandchild, or step grandchild of the executive director of the Birmingham Kiwanis Foundation.

1. To be eligible for the Youth of the Year Scholarship, the applicant must:
  - Be a current resident of Jefferson or Shelby County
  - Enroll as a full or part-time student in any private or public accredited two- or four-year college or vocational-technical school for the upcoming academic year
  - Demonstrate a solid academic performance with a cumulative GPA of 3.0+
  - Demonstrate active participation and leadership in community activities
  - Demonstrate leadership skills and potential for leadership success
  
2. Applicants must submit all the following to be considered for the Youth of the Year Scholarship:
  - The general application forms
  - At least two (2) recommendation forms/letters from the following list of eligible references:
    - i. A current or past teacher or adult mentor
    - ii. An adult involved with your community service and/or leadership experience
  - A copy of the applicant's unofficial school transcript
  - Students academic statements. *See application.*
  
3. Youth of the Year Scholarship Committee selection process:
  - General scholarship application form is due February 7, 2025.
  - Finalists will be required to interview with members of the Youth of the Year Committee on March 13 and March 14, 2025. The committee conducts interviews by means of virtual platform. Interviews will last 30 minutes and will occur on March 13 from 11:30 am- 2:30 pm and March 14 from 9 am- 12 pm.
  - Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than the end of March 2025.

- Recipients will be honored at a luncheon on April 15, 2025 at The Harbert Center at noon.

**Any application not including all the above items will be considered incomplete and will not be considered in the review process.**

Submit complete applications (application form, references, official transcript) by email to [lindsay@kcob.org](mailto:lindsay@kcob.org) or by mail/hand deliver no later than February 7, 2025 to:

Kiwanis Club of Birmingham, 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203

You are welcome to follow up with [lindsay@kcob.org](mailto:lindsay@kcob.org) to confirm receipt of your application.

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APPLICATION FORM**

A letter of recommendation from two adult references from a current/past teacher, adult mentor or an adult involved with your community service and/or leadership, as well as an official transcript and statements, must be submitted with this form by February 7, 2025.

**1. CONTACT INFORMATION**

FULL NAME	AGE
ADDRESS	
EMAIL	TELEPHONE
GPA	ACT/SAT SCORE
HIGH SCHOOL	CLASS RANK/CLASS SIZE
NAME OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S)	
PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL	PARENT/GAURDIAN PHONE
NAME OF SCHOOL COUNSELOR	COUNSELOR EMAIL

**2. EXTRACURRICULAR/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

(You may attach additional sheets, if necessary, to complete the following information.)

**I. SCHOLASTIC ORGANIZATIONS/AWARDS AND OFFICES HELD:**

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**II. COMMUNITY SERVICE/CIVIC ACTIVITIES:**

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**III. OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/HONORS/ACHIEVEMENTS:**

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**IV. Are you a member of Key Club? Yes or No**

**3. ACADEMIC STATEMENTS**

(Please type response below or attach to your application.)

**I. PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Describe a challenge or an event that helped shape who you are. In 250 words or less, please describe it and how it impacted your life.

**II. LEADERSHIP STATEMENT**

The Kiwanis Club of Birmingham builds the community by serving. In 250 words or less, please share a meaningful experience illustrating your leadership.

**III. VOLUNTEER STATEMENT**

The Kiwanis Club of Birmingham is committed to promoting volunteerism. In 250 words or less and separate from what you described in your leadership statement, tell us about a meaningful volunteer experience you have had.

I affirm that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the verification of information contained in my application. I hereby authorize the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham Youth of the Year Scholarship Committee to examine my school transcripts and other school records. I understand that this application and supporting documents will be kept in strict confidence. If awarded the Youth of the Year scholarship, I agree to abide by all requirements appertaining thereto.

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counselor's** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Media Release (Parents/Guardians): I certify that I am the custodial parent or court-appointed guardian of the student named below; as such, if my child is selected as a recipient, I give permission for my child to participate in a recorded Zoom call and for my child's name and photo to appear in the event program, a news release, and on Kiwanis Club of Birmingham social media accounts and website.

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_