



# Youth of the Month

## YOM Requirements

### 2021 – 2022



- A) Nominees must be a high school senior who will be graduating in the spring semester of 2022 and must be of legal status in the United States.
- B) Nominees should state their role in improving their community and/or living conditions.
- C) Nominees must participate in a school activity / activity (band, athletics, cheerleading, student council, or other clubs) and/or community service (Boys & Girls Club, coaching, fundraisers, etc.). **\*\*A nominee who is unable to fulfill this requirement due to work obligations is still eligible to receive this award\*\***
- D) Nominees must maintain at least a **95-grade point average or better** and must not have any conduct problems in school and/or the community.
- E) Nominees are nominated for this award by an educator and selected by a committee composed by counselors/administrators at their respective schools.
- F) All applications **must be typed using Times New Roman, font size 12.**
- G) **Selected YOM students must submit a self-portrait (wallet size minimum) in formal attire, such as a graduation photos or other formal photos. \*\*Selfie-type photos cannot be used\*\***
- H) **All nominees must agree to allow the use of their photo and application information for Laredo Sector Border Patrol to use on social media.**

### Selection Procedure

- A) A teacher will nominate eligible students utilizing the Youth of the Month (YOM) packet.
- B) Teachers will submit all nominee packets to the school counselor for review. Each school is responsible to arrange/form a selection committee. The selection committee is responsible for selecting the student to receive the YOM award.
- C) All selections packets are **due on the 9<sup>th</sup> of each month**. For the month of May, packet will be due on the first week of April 2022 (Subject to Change). The Border Community Liaison Unit will remind to submit packets via e-mail. **Packets should be submitted to: [LRTBCLGML@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:LRTBCLGML@cbp.dhs.gov) and [Rene.Alejandro@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:Rene.Alejandro@cbp.dhs.gov).**
- D) **Youth of the Year 2021-2022 selections packets are due by the third week of April 2022. Packets should be submitted to: [LRTBCLGML@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:LRTBCLGML@cbp.dhs.gov) and [Rene.Alejandro@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:Rene.Alejandro@cbp.dhs.gov).**
- E) By the end of the school year, each school will have nine YOM recipients. Each school will be responsible for selecting the best student from their previous submitted YOM recipients, to be considered for the Youth of the Year award.
- F) At the end of the school year, Border Patrol will gather a selection committee to select the Youth of the Year.



# Youth of the Month Teacher Nomination Form 2021 – 2022



Name of student:

Nominating educator:

Principal's name:

Name of nominee's counselor:

School:

Grade point average:

Class rank:

**Recommendation narrative:**

**Why does the student merit this award? Please list the nominee's community service and extracurricular activities. Please indicate and explain if the nominee is unable to volunteer time to the community or school because of outside employment due to family needs. *Please submit the nomination typed in letter format, on school letterhead, and signed by you (the educator).***



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## Student Application

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Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Telephone number:

**The following information is essential to be able to write a letter of recommendation.**

- 1. Tell us about the experiences that have influenced and motivated you to stay in school. How have you managed to stay focused on your education?**

**2. What are some practical guidelines you live by, to avoid the temptation of drug use, gang affiliation, and/or illegal activities? Please explain your answer.**

**3. Who is your role model? Why is that person your role model?**

**4. What are your aspirations after high school graduation?**

**5. List all high school activities you have participated in (i.e., clubs, student council, athletics, band, offices held, etc.).**

6. List community service activities you have taken part in. Please indicate organization name and approximate number of hours devoted to each (fundraisers, church work, coaching, Boys & Girls Club, tutoring, etc.).

7. Indicate your work experience. List your most recent or present job first.

Employer

Type of work

Start date/end date

**8. In an essay form, describe yourself as a family member, a student, and a citizen of the community.**

**Include family data for award ceremony recognition only. Please include prefix (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Jr., Dr., etc.).**

**Father's name:**

**Mother's name:**

**List names of siblings:**

### **Additional Information**

**Please use this sheet as a continuation page to add any pertinent information. Be sure to reference the question number on your response.**





# Youth of the Year Selection Procedure 2021 – 2022



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- B) Border Patrol will gather a selection committee to select the Youth of the Year.
- C) The Youth of the Year recipient will be announced at the International Bank of Commerce Youth Night Ceremony; date and location to be announced.
- D) A specific date for the Austin trip will be determined by Texas State Senator Zaffirini's office and announced to the student and school personnel as early as possible.

**Laredo Sector Border Patrol would like to thank all the partners who help make this program possible and a great success.**

- U.S. Senator John Cornyn
- U.S. Senator Ted Cruz
- U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar
- Texas State Senator Judith Zaffirini
- Texas State Representative Richard Raymond
- Texas State Representative Tracy O. King
- Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club
- Area Health Education Center Mid Rio Grande Border Region
- Entravision
- AwardMasterz
- IBC Bank
- Sames Auto Arena
- Chick-Fil-A
- Ashley HomeStore
- McDonalds
- Emperor Garden
- Rock Fitness Center
- Royal Laser Car Wash
- Dr. Sara Campos
- Dr. Marco Hinojosa
- Joe Jackson Funeral Chapels
- Rock Fitness Center
- The Outlet Shoppes of Laredo
- Dr. CC's Tooth Factory
- L&F Distributors
- Wawi Tijerina – Attorney at Law
- Captured by Claudia

Thank you for taking the time to submit your application for the Youth of the Month.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Border Community Liaison Representatives via e-mail at: [LRTBCLGML@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:LRTBCLGML@cbp.dhs.gov) or supervisor via e-mail at: [Rene.Alejandro@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:Rene.Alejandro@cbp.dhs.gov).

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