

# YOUTH COUNCIL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Florida League of Cities is excited to present the Youth Council Excellence Award, celebrating exemplary youth council initiatives or projects that have made significant contributions to their municipalities. This award recognizes the innovation, leadership, and excellence of municipal youth councils across Florida.

## OVERVIEW

Youth councils are invited to submit a current initiative or project. Initiatives may focus on community service, civic engagement, or other topics.

## APPLICATION RULES

The application packet must include:

- ▶ A written description of the project in **750 words or less** that answers the following questions:
  - What were the project's goals?
  - How were the project's goals accomplished?
  - Why was the project needed in your community?
- ▶ Letter of recommendation from the mayor, manager/clerk, or a member of the council/commission
- ▶ Up to five photos depicting the event

*Your nomination will NOT be scored if missing any of the above.*

The Florida League of Cities Youth Council Excellence Award is open only to youth councils sponsored by a city, town, or village government that is a member of the Florida League of Cities.

**The deadline for entries is March 4, 2026.**

Judging will be based entirely on the youth council's submitted entry. The judges' decision is final, and all material received becomes the property of the Florida League of Cities, with permission to use it perpetually and universally, in any manner deemed appropriate by the League, with no additional compensation beyond the award money presented to the winner.

## SUBMISSION

All work must be submitted through an online form available at [flcities.com/youth-councils](http://flcities.com/youth-councils).

Submissions that are emailed or mailed will not be judged.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be announced in April 2026.

Three projects will be selected as winners.

Winners will:



**Be showcased on the League's website and social media platforms**



**Be recognized in press announcements and the League's Quality Cities online magazine**



**Receive a monetary award of \$500 and a trophy/plaque**

*The League reserves the right not to award all prizes in any category.*

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