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YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD 2018

APPLICATION DEADLINE - 5:00PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARD

The Milwaukee Urban League will be celebrating an important milestone in 2019, 100 years of creating opportunities for underserved individuals to empower themselves and the communities they live and work in. As part of our “*Journey to 100*” centennial celebration, the Milwaukee Urban League will award new laptops to high school seniors who exemplify academic excellence, service to their community, and leadership potential. Additionally, to promote a positive image of young people, and to generate awareness of the valuable contributions that youth make in our community, one distinguished finalist will also receive the Milwaukee Urban League’s “I Am Empowered” Volunteer Service Award.

AWARD TIMELINE

The following are the key dates for this Award:

- **Friday, April 20, 2018:** *Application deadline (this is a firm deadline; no exceptions).*
- **Friday, April 27, 2018:** Award notification via email.
- **Saturday, May 5, 2018:** Award presentation at Harley-Davidson.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for this Award, an applicant must:

- Be a Milwaukee County high school senior who will graduate in May or June 2018.
- Have a **cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).**
- Show evidence of plans for full-time enrollment in a two or four year college program.
- Attend the Milwaukee Urban League’s 2nd Annual Youth Leadership Summit, 8:30am-4:00pm on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Harley-Davidson University Building, 6th floor, 3800 West Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208.

Ineligible applicants are:

- Recipients of the 2018 Milwaukee Times Newspaper Black Excellence Louvenia Johnson Scholarship.
- Immediate relatives (daughter, son, niece, nephew, grandchild, etc.) of employees of the Milwaukee Urban League, members of the Milwaukee Urban League Board of Directors, members of the Milwaukee Urban League Guild or Young Professionals.

AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Milwaukee Urban League has an outstanding group of community volunteers who sit on the Youth Leadership Award Selection Committee which reviews **all** applications. Committee members are comprised of local professionals including educators, businessmen and women, and individuals who are considered experts in their field. All members share a passion for the post-secondary success of youth in the community. Additionally, each committee member commits to equality and fairness in the review of applications and selecting finalists who best fit the Award criteria. **Decisions of the Award Committee are final.**

SELECTION PROCESS

Each member of the Youth Leadership Award Selection Committee will be assigned applications for review and scoring. Applicants with the highest scores will be awarded a laptop.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Milwaukee Urban League's Youth Leadership Award is merit based. **Financial need is not a criterion for this award.** Applicants will be reviewed in the following areas:

- **Academic performance** – The quality of high school transcripts and grade point average in the specific areas of Mathematics, Science and English, and overall evidence of adequate preparation for college enrollment and future academic success.
- **Community Activities** – The scope of his/her involvement in community activities (for example: any volunteer work at church and/or community based organizations).
- **Leadership Potential** – The evidence of an applicant's involvement in particular activities that demonstrate a strong desire to positively impact others and contribute to society.
- **Overall Quality of the Application Package** – Applicant's essay must utilize proper grammar, punctuation, and critical thinking skills. Strong recommendation letters are evidence that the applicant has put strong effort into preparing his/her application packet.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

All applicants selected for the Award will be notified via email no later than Friday, April 27, 2018. Awards will be presented at the **Milwaukee Urban League's 2nd Annual Youth Leadership Summit, 8:30am-4:00pm on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Harley-Davidson University Building, 6th floor, 3800 West Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208. All awardees must be in attendance to receive their laptop.**

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

The following materials must be submitted by 5:00pm on Friday, April 20, 2018.
INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED—NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Application Form** – All areas of the application form must be **completed, signed and dated** by applicant and their parent(s) or guardian(s).
- Community Service/Volunteer Activity and Leadership Completion Form** – A history of the applicant's involvement in community service/volunteer activity and leadership roles/positions must be entered into the **Completion Forms** provided.
- Essay** – In **500 words**, please submit an essay on the following: ***“What academic accomplishment, leadership position/role, community service OR volunteer activity are you most proud of, and why?”*** Applicant's essay must state essay question as the title/heading and be neatly typed in Arial or Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, with applicant's name, contact information, high school, and **word count** in the top right corner of each page.
- Official Transcripts in a Sealed Envelope** – All transcripts must include information on applicant's most recent grading period, and reflect a **cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale**. Only transcripts that are stamped or embossed with the high school's official seal and submitted in a sealed envelope will be accepted. **Please note: Applicants who send their material electronically, are still required to send their official transcripts via mail (or hand delivered) to the Milwaukee Urban League before the stated deadline.**
- Recommendation Letters** – **Two (2) signed letters of recommendation:** (a) ONE from a teacher or school staff person, and (b) ONE from a community representative (for example: clergy, employer, youth group leader, etc.). **Letters written by family members or friends are not acceptable.**

To be eligible for consideration for the 2018 Youth Leadership Award, applicants must complete and submit all required documents by 5:00p.m. CST on Friday, April 20, 2018 via mail to:

MILWAUKEE URBAN LEAGUE
ATTN: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
435 WEST NORTH AVENUE
MILWAUKEE, WI 53212

OR

EMAIL AS A MICROSOFT WORD OR PDF DOCUMENT TO YNOEL@TMUL.ORG

All materials submitted with this application become the property of the Milwaukee Urban League and will not be returned to applicants.

APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION - Please type or print clearly

1.	First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:	
2.	Home Address:	City:	State: WI	Zip Code:
3.	Cell Phone:	Alternate Phone:		
4.	E-mail Address:			
5.	DOB: ____/____/____ <i>Month Day Year</i>	Gender (<i>optional</i>):		
6.	Current High School:	School Address:	Phone:	
7.	Cumulative GPA (<i>must be 2.7 or higher</i>):	Graduation Date:		
8.	Intended College(s) or University(ies):			
9.	Have you accepted enrollment to the above named college(s) or university(ies)? ____ Yes ____ No			
10.	Intended Major OR Field of Study:			
11.	Will you be the first one in your family to attend college? ____ Yes ____ No			

I attest that all statements and documents in **and** attached to this application are true and accurate. I understand that inaccurate and misrepresentation of any information, or the inability to show evidence of plans for full-time enrollment in a two-or four-year college program, will make me ineligible for the 2018 Youth Leadership Award.

Applicant Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION - Please type or print clearly

12.	First and Last Name:	Relationship to Applicant:		
13.	First and Last Name:	Relationship to Applicant:		
14.	Home Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
15.	Best phone number to reach you:	E-mail Address:		

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY COMPLETION FORM

Make as many copies of this form as needed and fill out one form for each organization/agency where you engaged in community service or volunteer activity. It is preferred that information is neatly typed in Arial or Times New Roman, 12-point font. If information is handwritten, ensure handwriting is legible.

APPLICANT NAME: _____ **SCHOOL:** _____

Name of Organization/Agency:

Name of Supervisor/Group Leader/Program Director or Coordinator:

Address of Organization/Agency:

Phone Number of Organization/Agency:

E-mail of Organization/Agency Contact:

Brief Description of Community Service OR Volunteer Activity performed:

Number of Hours Served (*within the last 6-12 months*):

Signature of Supervisor/Group Leader/Program Director: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

LEADERSHIP POSITION/ROLE COMPLETION FORM

Make as many copies of this form as needed and fill out one form for each organization/agency where you held a leadership position/role. It is preferred that information is neatly typed in Arial or Times New Roman, 12-point font. If information is handwritten, ensure handwriting is legible.

APPLICANT NAME: _____ **SCHOOL:** _____

Name of Organization/Agency:

Name of Supervisor/Group Leader/Program Director or Coordinator:

Address of Organization/Agency:

Phone Number of Organization/Agency:

E-mail of Organization/Agency Contact:

Brief Description of Leadership Position/Role Held:

Number of Hours Spent in Position/Role (*within the last 6-12 months*):

Signature of Supervisor/ Group Leader/Program Director: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANT RELEASE FORM

I certify that all information I have provided to the Milwaukee Urban League is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. **I give permission for Milwaukee Urban League staff and Youth Leadership Award Selection Committee to contact my high school and/or college officials for additional academic information, and any other information related to this application, if necessary.** If selected to receive the Youth Leadership Award, I give permission to share information contained in my application with appropriate award donors, the Milwaukee Urban League, and the National Urban League and its affiliates. I understand that I must be in attendance at the Milwaukee Urban League's 2nd Annual Youth Leadership Summit scheduled for **Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Harley-Davidson University Building, 6th floor, 3800 West Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208.** I understand that failure to attend this Summit will result in possible forfeiture of my award.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

FOR MUL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Received by: _____ Date/Time Received: _____

Applicant Name: _____ School: _____ GPA: _____

Application packet was: Hand-delivered Mailed Emailed Faxed Other: _____

Application packet was received by deadline: Yes No

Application packet is complete: Yes No, packet is missing: **Application Form** **Essay**

Official Transcripts **Recommendation Letters** **Completion Forms** **Release Form**

Signature(s): _____ **Other:** _____

Applicant is a current or past participant in MUL Education Programs: Yes No

Applicant attends one of MUL partner high schools: Yes No

Applicant has provided evidence of exceptional volunteer service: Yes No

Comments:
