

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Aim Youth Councils Network Awards Program honors leaders in Indiana who are making big differences in their cities and towns through municipal youth councils! The program provides participants of municipal youth councils the opportunity to receive well-deserved recognition for their work and offers examples of projects and leadership in other communities.

Awards will be presented during the 2020 Aim Youth Leadership Summit, Saturday, February 22, at Garment Factory, Franklin, Ind. A panel of municipal government experts from the public and private sectors serve as judges for the awards and rate the applications on the given criteria.

All award submissions must be completed by student members of municipal youth councils with the exception of Youth Council Member of the Year.



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EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH LEADERSHIP

AWARD, *in partnership with Wessler Engineering*

The Aim Youth Councils Network's signature award highlights a municipal youth council, which has made transformative contributions to their community. The council earning the Excellence in Youth Leadership Award demonstrates best practices in youth civic engagement and organizational leadership. The award-winning council will receive \$5,000 to undertake a youth-led community development project in their city or town. Youth councils established before January 1, 2019, are eligible to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should include all of the following:

1. The official application form signed by an elected municipal official from an Aim member community in good standing. Emailed entries must be from an elected municipal official's address.
2. A summary no longer than six pages in length that explains the following:

PURPOSE: The mission and a brief history of the local municipal youth council.

IMPACT: Projects i.e. physical structures, community service activities and policy-orientated work the youth council accomplished during the 2019 calendar year.

VISION: The youth council's goals for the future, both organizationally within the youth council and for the community it serves.

PROJECT: If chosen, how will the youth council spend the \$5,000 award? Please include a written explanation and printed visual items (if applicable.) The funding can go toward a new project or further an existing youth-led project the council is undertaking. The only requirement is the proposed project demonstrates the ability to have a transformative impact on the city or town. Projects can be physical structures or a community-orientated activity. Please detail plans for involving youth council members in the project design and implementation.

3. *(Optional)* Any supporting materials that best explain or summarize the local youth council's efforts during the 2019 calendar year. Materials are scanned and included in a packet distributed to each judge. A well-written summary is better than a binder of miscellaneous project materials.

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR

This award honors a student member of a municipal youth council whose exemplary leadership skills and vision have played a pivotal role in charting the course for their community's future. *Mayors and town leaders may nominate one member from their youth council.* A recommendation letter from the municipal leader must accompany the award application. Please reference any relevant volunteer or community service experience beyond youth council participation.

OUTSTANDING ADVISER

This award recognizes a mayor, town leader or youth council adviser dedicated to youth civic engagement. The recipient has shown a strong commitment to ensuring students have a voice in their communities. Up to three recommendation letters must accompany the award application.

EMERGING LEADERS

Across Indiana, more and more local government leaders are launching municipal youth councils. This award honors a youth council in operation for less than two years that has already made big strides in its community! Applications should include a summary no longer than three pages in length that explains: 1) How the youth council began 2) Its achievements to date 3) Future plans.

AWARD SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All entries must be received by **Friday, February 7.**

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Annual Awards



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2020 Aim Annual Awards Nomination Form | Excellence in Youth Leadership Award, in partnership with Wessler Engineering

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| APPLICANT: (Please type or print) |
| Local Youth Council: |
| Adviser Name: |
| City/Town: |
| Adviser Phone: |
| Adviser Email: |
| NOMINATOR: (Must be an elected municipal official and an Aim member community) |
| Name: |
| Title: |
| City/Town: |
| Phone: |
| Email: |
| Signature: |

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2020 Aim Annual Awards Nomination Form | Youth Council Member of the Year

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| NOMINEE: (Please type or print) | |
| Name: | |
| Grade/School: | |
| Local Youth Council: | |
| Adviser Name: | |
| Adviser Phone: | Adviser Email: |
| NOMINATOR: (Must be an elected municipal official and an Aim member community) | |
| Name: | |
| Title: | |
| City/Town: | |
| Phone: | |
| Email: | |
| Signature: | |

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2020 Aim Annual Awards Nomination Form | Outstanding Adviser

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| NOMINEE: (Please type or print) | |
| Name: | |
| City/Town: | |
| Local Youth Council: | |
| Adviser Name: | |
| Adviser Phone: | Adviser Email: |
| NOMINATOR: (Student youth council member) | |
| Name: | |
| Title: | |
| City/Town: | |
| Phone: | |
| Email: | |
| Signature: | |

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2020 Aim Annual Awards Nomination Form | Emerging Leaders

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| Local Youth Council: |
| Adviser Name: |
| City/Town: |
| Adviser Phone: |
| Adviser Email: |
| NOMINATOR: (Must be an elected municipal official and an Aim member community) |
| Name: |
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