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What is the Youth Philanthropist Award?

The Interfaith Outreach Youth Philanthropist Award ignites the goodwill of youth from all over our community. Every year, talented high school students volunteer countless hours with Interfaith Outreach. This award will allow these generous students to be recognized by Interfaith Outreach for their remarkable commitment. As an organization that relies heavily on volunteer involvement, we are grateful for the youth who show leadership day in and day out.

All current high school aged Interfaith Outreach volunteers are encouraged to apply. There is no fee associated with this award. Students are just asked to volunteer, get involved and reflect on their experience. Once a year, Interfaith Outreach will honor and award all of the students who have met the criteria with a certificate of achievement.

The future is our youth. Philanthropy starts young, and we notice it.

Key Dates

- One-year timeframe of Feb. 1, 2022 – Jan. 31, 2023
 - *Only Interfaith Outreach volunteer hours and service projects that are completed during this timeframe will count towards the award.
- Applications can be submitted anytime between Feb. 1, 2022 and Jan. 31, 2023.
- Awards will be announced in late February/early March 2023 and presented to all students who meet the criteria.



Eligibility for the award:

- ❑ High school student by the end of the award period.
- ❑ Contribute at least 50 volunteer hours with Interfaith Outreach during the award period (2/1/2022–1/31/2023). Hours must be recorded in our Volunteer Hub system.
- ❑ Complete a service project. Must be approved by Interfaith Outreach staff. Take pictures or video to document the project.

How to apply:

- ❑ Create a Volunteer Hub Account at iocp.volunteerhub.com.
- ❑ Meet with a team member within the Community Engagement staff to find the best volunteer role placement for you.
- ❑ Begin volunteering! Make sure to track your 50+ volunteer hours through the Volunteer Hub system.
- ❑ Identify a project, get approval from staff, and complete your service project benefiting Interfaith Outreach.
- ❑ Submit the following:
 - Award application—download at iocp.org/youthaward
 - Experience story—2page essay or 1 minute video describing your experience and reflecting on what you learned
 - High resolution photos documenting the service project you led
 - Name of your primary Interfaith Outreach volunteer supervisor for reference

Submit items ALL AT ONCE anytime between Feb. 1, 2022-Jan. 31, 2023 to getinvolved@iocp.org.



Service Project Ideas. See appendix for “how-to’s”

Pack Snack Bags for Youth Programs	Snack Bags are needed for many of our Youth Programs such as Homework Club and Summer Camp. By providing Snack Bags, you are ensuring that many kids have an afterschool snack, and can stay focused on their academics and activities.	Any time
Conduct Your Own Food Drive	Food donations are needed throughout the year to support the Interfaith Outreach Food Shelf, which serves 200 households per week. March food drives will support the Prevent Hunger campaign.	Any time
Pack Beverage Kits	Beverages are often some of the most requested items in our food shelf. Help make sure these items are always available for families shopping in our food shelf. Packs include specific items. Inquire for details: getinvolved@iocp.org .	Any time
Assemble Cultural Staples Meal Packs	Help ensure guests of our Food Shelf are always able to find shelves stocked with culturally specific food for families to enjoy. Packs include specific items. Inquire for details: getinvolved@iocp.org .	Any time
Assemble Kitchen Basics–Spice Packs	Spices can often be an expensive purchase at the grocery store, help Interfaith Outreach provide basic spices to families shopping in our Food Shelf. Packs include specific items. Inquire for details: getinvolved@iocp.org .	Any time
Plant a Giving Garden	Fresh produce is greatly needed and appreciated by those who use the Interfaith Outreach Food Shelf. Start a Giving Garden in your Outdoor Learning Center or backyard. Assign a crop to each grade or class to plan, plant, weed, harvest and donate.	Spring–Fall
Assemble Hygiene Kits	Many families in our community struggle to pay for hygiene items. Help ensure our Food Shelf is always able to provide a welcoming selection of culturally appropriate hygiene items. Packs include specific items. Inquire for details: getinvolved@iocp.org .	Any time
Host a Winter Coat Drive	Many struggling families face difficulties when trying to supply their children with warm weather gear as they grow from year to year. Help local families by collecting gently used or new coats and new hats and mittens to donate to Interfaith Outreach.	Coats needed by November
Host Your Own Sleep Out	Host your own Sleep Out with friends, colleagues or neighbors. Raise money to support this year’s Sleep Out campaign.	Any night in November or December

Spread the word through social media

Step 1 – Like and Follow. **Connect with Interfaith Outreach on social media**



/interfaithoutreachcp



@iocpinterfaith

Step 2 – Post, Engage, Invite. **Spread awareness for the Youth Philanthropist Award**

Post about Youth Philanthropy on your own social media channels. Tag Interfaith Outreach and any friends who are involved or might be interested. Like/comment/share!

Step 3 – Strike a Pose. **Everyone loves a good photo!**

Post photos on your own social media channels of you doing good work. Mix it up with a smiling pose, a funny pose...or even throw your arms up in the air. Have fun with it! (You know the drill – tag your friends, tag Interfaith Outreach. We might share!) **Please do not take photos when Interfaith Outreach clients or youth are present.**

Sample posts

Instagram



(Post group photo) So proud of [my sports team, school, church] for donating XX dollars to @[tag Interfaith Outreach] through ___ service project.

Twitter



(Post photo of you and your friends) I'm collecting _____ for local families and kids through Interfaith Outreach. Let me know if you can help! Or give at iocp.org/donate
[@iocpinterfaith](https://twitter.com/iocpinterfaith)



Youth Philanthropist Award FAQ

Q: When do I submit my application?

A: Submit your [application](#) and supporting documents anytime between 2/1/2022–1/31/2023 when you have met the criteria. Submit everything together in one email. Do not submit sporadically.

Q: How are my hours tracked?

A: It is your responsibility to ensure your hours are tracked through Interfaith Outreach's volunteer management system, [Volunteer Hub](#). Make sure you sign in/out of all your shifts so your hours are documented correctly. You can check those yourself by logging into your account and selecting the "View Hours" tab.

Q: Do off-site volunteer hours count?

A: All of your 50+ hours must be able to be tracked through [Volunteer Hub](#) and done through Interfaith Outreach programs. If you are volunteering on your own for your chosen service project, those hours don't count towards your 50 hour goal.

Q: Do hours I work for my faith community or for my school classes count towards the 50+ hours?

A: As long as those volunteer hours are done/tracked through Interfaith Outreach, you can count them. If they are not through Interfaith Outreach, you cannot count them towards your award hours.

Q: Does the time I spend on my essay/video count towards the 50+ hours?

A: No, those are separate hours you are using to complete assignments for the award. The only hours counted are hours done/tracked through Interfaith Outreach.

Q: How do I track my service project involvement?

A: You will need to submit high resolution photos of your service project engagement as proof the work was completed.