



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF UNION COUNTY

January 6, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County would like to invite you to participate in the 2020 local Youth of the Year Program, our premier recognition initiative for Club members. This year's **Youth of the Year Awards Ceremony** will be held on **Thursday, March 5th at Galloping Hill Caterers, 1085 Galloping Hill Rd, Union, NJ**. We will kick off the evening with dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by an inspiring awards ceremony and announcement of our 2020 Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County Youth of the Year.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Youth of the Year Leadership Program celebrates the nation's most deserving teens and their incredible stories. These amazing young people exemplify the Boys & Girls Club mission, and are proof of the impact Clubs make in transforming and saving kids' lives.

Your participation in this signature recognition event will help foster Club teens' leadership service, academic excellence and dedication to living healthy lifestyles. Your support will empower young people to reach their full potential and provide them with access to the tools they need to lead, succeed and inspire.

Through your generosity, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County Youth of the Year program recognizes the most outstanding Boys & Girls Club members ages 6-18 and selects one teen member between the ages of 14-18 to compete and represent our Clubs in the state of New Jersey Youth of the Year competition. If chosen as the state winner, the teen will then compete in the Regional and even the National Competition if named the regional winner. On a state level, each Youth of the Year candidate receives a \$2,500 scholarship, the top three runners-up each receive \$3,500, and the State Winner receives a \$10,000 scholarship.

Attached is an overview of the Youth of the Year Awards Ceremony criteria and sponsorship opportunities for your review. Thank you in advance for your consideration in supporting the extraordinary achievements of our Club members through the Youth of the Year Program.

We look forward to your participation and support of this exciting event.

Sincerely,

Russell Triolo  
Chief Executive Officer

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### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

#### **Event Sponsor: \$2,500**

- Eight (8) complimentary ceremony tickets for the sponsoring company.
- Your company name listed in the Youth of the Year program brochure and Exclusive recognition as an event sponsor on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County website.
- An event sign recognizing your company as a Youth of the Year Awards Ceremony event sponsor.
- Presentation of YOY award and speaking opportunity.
- Recognition at Dinner.

#### **Award Sponsor: \$2,000**

- Provides all awardees with a specific plaque for their award category as outlined on the back of this form.
- Four (4) complimentary ceremony tickets for the sponsoring company.
- Your company name listed in the Youth of the Year program brochure and Exclusive recognition as an award sponsor on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County website.

#### **Table Sponsor: \$350**

- A table sign recognizing your company as a Youth of the Year Awards Ceremony table sponsor.
- Your company name listed in the Youth of the Year program brochure and Exclusive recognition as a table sponsor on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County website.
- Provides two (2) Youth of the Year Awardees and four (4) parents with ceremony tickets, helps to purchase award plaques for all awardees and includes two (2) complimentary ceremony tickets for the sponsoring company.

#### **Family Sponsor: \$250**

- Your company name listed in the Youth of the Year program brochure.
- Provides Youth of the Year Candidate and two (2) parents with complimentary ceremony tickets and helps to purchase award plaques for all awardees.

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**2020 YOUTH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM CRITERIA**

**CATEGORY**

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

***BUDDIE OF THE YEAR***

The Buddie of the Year (**ages 6-9**) candidate should have regular attendance, be a member of the Club for **2 or more years** and participate in various programs. In addition, candidates must have accomplishments within the Club and Community, school and home.

***JUNIOR OF THE YEAR***

The Junior of the Year (**ages 10-13**) candidate should also have regular attendance, be a member of the Club for **2 or more years** and participate in various programs. This candidate must be part of a curriculum-based activity such as Torch Club, Smart Moves, Skill Tech, or Career explorers etc.

***SPIRIT AWARD***

The Spirit Award candidate (**ages 6 & Up**) should have regular attendance, be a member of the Club for **2 or more years**, embody the spirit of the Club, show academic improvement and be involved in a curriculum based Club activity.

***YOUTH OF THE YEAR***

The Youth of the Year candidate must be between the ages of **14-18** and be a member of the Club for **2 or more years**. The candidate must exemplify superior leadership skills academic achievement and outstanding service to the Club and community. This candidate must be involved in a curriculum based activity such as Keystone, Smart moves, Job Ready / Career Explorers, Money Matters, Goals for Graduation etc.

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