



# Diocese of Helena

## Outstanding Youth Award



### Description & Instructions

On the occasion of the Diocese of Helena Catholic Youth Coalition Convention, the “Outstanding Youth Award” will be presented to two outstanding youth (**one male and one female**) from the Diocese of Helena.

Each winner will receive a \$250 award, courtesy of our sponsors *the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena*.

All nominees will be recognized on Sunday morning of the CYC Convention.

All nominations must be postmarked by **FEBRUARY 15, 2018**.

The **requirements and award criteria** are as follows:

1. The candidate must be a Senior in high school.
2. He or she must be from the Diocese of Helena and be in good standing in their parish, community, school, and place of employment.
3. He or she should be regularly present at both weekend liturgy *and* the parish faith formation programs.
4. Award winners will be selected based on three criteria: Christian discipleship, service and leadership.

To **nominate** a youth for the award, a youth minister and/or pastor from the youth’s parish faith community must:

1. Submit completed Outstanding Youth Award Application Form and supporting documents to OYYAM at the information provided below. Each parish may nominate **one youth per gender**.
2. The nominee should write a statement about him/herself describing their commitment to Christian discipleship, service, and leadership. (300-500 words)
3. Submit a written endorsement (300-500 words) of the nominee by his/her youth minister, Director of Religious Education, or other adult leader/administrator who is responsible for youth ministry in the parish.
4. Submit “Pastor Endorsement” form, which must be completed by the Parish Pastor or Pastoral Administrator.
5. In addition to the endorsement from the youth minister, the nominee may submit up to two letters of recommendation that describe the nominee’s commitment to Christian discipleship, service, and leadership. These may be from teachers, employers, members of the parish, etc. (Please submit **NO MORE THAN TWO** additional letters).

Final decisions will be made by the Outstanding Youth Award Committee, an *ad hoc* group of individuals in our Diocese organized by the Manager of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Only completed applications with all required supporting documents will be considered for the award. Nominees may be contacted by phone for more information.

Please direct questions about the award to Kevin Molm at (406) 207-1660 or [kmolm@diocesehelena.org](mailto:kmolm@diocesehelena.org).

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2017.** Send all materials to:

**By Email:**

To: [kmolm@diocesehelena.org](mailto:kmolm@diocesehelena.org);

*Subject Line:* Outstanding Youth Award - [Nominee’s First Name] [Nominee’s Last Name]

**By Mail:**

Diocese of Helena  
Attn: OYYAM - Outstanding Youth Award  
PO Box 1729  
Helena, MT 59624



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Application - Deadline: February 15, 2018  
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- Checklist of Application Materials:  
(All materials must be postmarked by February 15, 2018)
- Application Form (complete both pages!)
  - Personal Statement
  - Endorsement Letter from Youth Minister
  - Pastor Endorsement Form
  - Two Letters of Recommendation (Optional)

### Application Form

To be completed by youth minister or other adult responsible for youth ministry in the parish ("Recommender"). Please type or print legibly.

<b>Application Form</b>					
To be completed by youth minister or other adult responsible for youth ministry in the parish ("Recommender"). Please type or print legibly.					
Nominee First & Last Name:					
Nominee Address:					
Nominee City/State/Zip					
Nominee Phone	(     )	-     -	Nominee Email:		
Nominee Gender (Female or Male):		Is the youth a Senior?:	Yes - No	____/____/____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	____/____ Graduation Date: MM/YY
School Name (or "Homeschool")				Cumulative GPA:	
Name of Parish:			Parish Location		
Parent First & Last Name			Parent Phone:	(     )	-     -
Pastor First & Last Name			Pastor Phone:		
First & Last Name of Person Making			Recommender's Phone:	(     )	-     -
Recommender Title/Role:			Recommender Email:		

Signature of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing, you confirm that the information provided is accurate and true.

Date





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*This portion of the application is to be completed by the youth. The Outstanding Youth Award is based on three criteria: Christian discipleship, service, and leadership. Please list your involvement in activities, including any leadership roles or offices held, that demonstrate how you have committed yourself to these values. Nominees should be active, at minimum, in their local parish activities (e.g. parish youth group). Other areas of life where nominees should be actively living out these three values may include the following: deanery or diocesan activities, school activities, athletics, work, community organizations, etc.*

**Christian Discipleship:**

**Service:**

**Leadership:**

Please list other awards, medals, certificates, scholarships, etc., that you have earned:

Employment: Please give name of current or former employer(s), number of hours you regularly work, duties, and length of service:

Signature of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pastor Endorsement Form**  
(Deadline: February 15, 2018)

The Outstanding Youth Award is based on three criteria: Christian discipleship, service, and leadership. Nominees should be active, at minimum, in their local parish activities (e.g. parish youth group). We ask each nominee's pastor or pastoral administrator to complete this form to confirm his/her active involvement in parish life, especially regular attendance at Mass and participation in parish youth ministry activities. We welcome additional comments. Each parish may nominate only one youth per gender.

<b>Pastor Endorsement Form</b> (Please type or print Legibly)			
<b>Nominee First Name:</b>		<b>Nominee Last Name:</b>	
<b>Pastor First Name:</b>		<b>Pastor Last Name:</b>	
<b>Pastor Phone:</b>	(     )     -	<b>Pastor Email:</b>	
<b>Parish Name</b>		<b>Parish Location (Town/City)</b>	
<b>Does the nominee regularly attend weekend Mass?</b>			
<b>Does the nominee regularly participate in parish youth ministry events/activities?:</b>			
<b>Does the nominee participate in any other parish ministries other than youth ministry? (Please list them):</b>			

Comments about the youth's commitment to Christian discipleship, service, and leadership (attach additional pages if necessary):

Signature of Pastor or Pastoral Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_  
 By signing, you confirm that the information provided is accurate and true. Date \_\_\_\_\_