

**The Church Club of New York  
2021 Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition Award**

**INFORMATION & GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS / NOMINATIONS**

**Program Description:**

The Church Club of New York's annual **Young Adult of the Year Service Recognition Award** is a tri-state regional program that provides recognition to an outstanding Young Adult (in his or her 20s or 30s), or group of Young Adults, for exceptional volunteer ministry work within the Young Adult's or group of Young Adults' church or other community ministry acknowledged in the Episcopal Dioceses of New York, New Jersey, Newark, Long Island, or Connecticut. (A candidate's ministry must be completely volunteer and outside of the scope of his/her professional responsibilities.)

**Candidate Qualifications:**

The Award is open to lay Christians over the age of 19 and under the age of 40.

**Candidates may apply directly for the Award or may be nominated.**

**Candidate Endorsement:**

A minimum of two letters of recommendation is required in support of the candidate. One letter must be from a **clergy member** and one must be from a **lay member of the candidate's parish or other community ministry**.

**Honorarium:**

The Award is accompanied by a \$1,500 honorarium, of which \$1,000 is designated to the Young Adult or group of Young Adults, and \$500 is designated for the church or other outreach service ministry.

**Application/Nomination Submission Deadline:**

Applications/Nominations must be received before the close of business on **Friday, October 8, 2021**. Acknowledgment of receipt of applications and nominations will be made by email.

**Application Submission Procedure:**

Qualified candidates are invited to apply by submitting a completed Application/Nomination Form and other required documents listed on the **Submission Checklist** below. (documents may be sent electronically via email to [churchclubny@gmail.com](mailto:churchclubny@gmail.com) or, sent to the Church Club mailing address listed at the bottom of this page.

**Submission Checklist:**

- Completed Application/Nomination Form (For a group of Young Adults, please complete a Form for each group member),
- Personal Statement (not longer than one page) describing the mission-related and/or community service being performed, and explaining your or the group's involvement (including the number of voluntary service hours devote to the designated ministry) and why it is important to you or to the group,
- Current Resume(s),
- Letter of recommendation from the candidate's Rector or other Clergy member and,
- Letter of recommendation from an active parishioner in the candidate's parish or from a member of the community ministry in which the candidate is involved and for which the candidate is applying for the Young Adult of the Year Award.

**Selection Procedure:**

The Church Club's Board of Trustees-appointed review committee will read and evaluate all properly submitted applications and nominations, and will make its recommendation for Awardee of the **2021 Young Adult of the Year Award** to the Board for approval, after which the decision will be deemed final.

**Notification of Awardee:**

The Awardee and all other applicants/nominees will be **notified via email in early November 2021**.

**Award Presentation:**

The Young Adult of the Year Award will be presented at the Church Club's **Annual Bishop's Forum on Wednesday, November 17, via ZOOM**.

**Further Information and an Application/Nomination Form:**

To download the 2021 Application Form, please visit [www.churchclubny.org](http://www.churchclubny.org) and click on the Young Adults tab.

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