



Youth of the Month 2025 – 2026



YOM Requirements

- A) Nominees must be a high school senior or junior graduating in the spring semester of 2026 and must be of legal status in the United States.
- B) Nominees should state their role in improving their community and/or living conditions.
- C) Nominees must participate in a school activity/activities (band, athletics, cheerleading, student council, and clubs) and/or community service (boys/girls club, coaching, fundraisers, etc.). ***** A nominee unable to fulfill this requirement due to work obligations is still eligible to receive this award.***
- D) Nominees must maintain at least a **95-grade point average or better** and must not have any conduct problems in school and/or the community.
- E) Nominees are nominated for this award by an educator and selected by a committee composed by counselors/administrators at their respective schools.
- F) All applications **must be typed using Times New Roman font size 12.**
- G) **Selected YOM students must submit a self-portrait in formal attire, such as a graduation photo in .JPG or .PNG format. ***absolutely no “selfie” photos.***
- H) All nominees must agree to allow the use of their photo and application information for Laredo Sector Border Patrol to use on social media.

Selection Procedure

- A) A teacher will nominate students utilizing the Youth of the Month (YOM) packet.
- B) Teachers will submit all nominee packets to the school counselor for review. Each school is responsible to arrange/form a selection committee. The selection committee is responsible for selecting the student to receive the YOM award.
- C) All selections packets are **due two weeks prior to the ceremony date**. For the month of May, packets will be due on the last week of April 2026. The Border Community Liaison Unit will remind to submit packets via e-mail. ***Packets should be submitted to: LRTBCLGML@cbp.dhs.gov***
- D) ***YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2025-2026 selections packets are due by the first week of May 2026. Packets should be submitted to: LRTBCLGML@cbp.dhs.gov***
- E) By the end of the school year, each school will have nine YOM recipients. Each school will be responsible for selecting the best student from their previous nine submitted YOM recipients, to be considered for the Youth of the Year award.
- F) At the end of the school year, Border Patrol will gather a selection committee, comprised of our community partners, to select the Youth of the Year.



Youth of the Month Teacher Nomination Form 2025-2026



Name of student:

Nominating educator:

Principal's name:

Name of nominee's counselor:

School:

Grade point average:

Class rank:

Recommendation narrative:

Why does the student merit this award? Please list the nominee's community service and extracurricular activities. Please indicate and explain if the nominee is unable to volunteer time to the community or school because of outside employment due to family needs. *Please submit the nomination typed in letter format, on school letterhead, and signed by you (the educator).*



Youth of the Month Student Application 2025 – 2026



Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Telephone number:

The following information is essential to be able to write a letter of recommendation.

- 1. Tell us about the experiences that have influenced and motivated you to stay in school. How have you managed to stay focused on your education?**

2. What are some practical guidelines you live by, to avoid the temptation of drug use, gang affiliation, and/or illegal activities? Please explain your answer.

3. Who is your role model? Why is that person your role model?

4. What are your aspirations after high school graduation?

5. List all high school activities you have participated in (i.e., clubs, student council, athletics, band, offices held, etc).

6. List community service activities you have taken part in. Please indicate organization name and approximate number of hours devoted to each (fundraisers, church work, coaching, boys/girls clubs, tutoring, etc).

7. Indicate your work experience. List your most recent or present job first.

Employer

Type of work

Start date/end date

8. In an essay form, describe yourself as a family member, a student, and a citizen of the community.

Include family data for award ceremony recognition only. Please include prefix (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Jr., Dr., etc.).

Father's name:

Mother's name:

List names of brothers and sisters:

Additional Information

Please use this sheet as a continuation page to add any pertinent information. Be sure to indicate the question number for your response.



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Selection Procedure

- A) By the end of the school year, each school will have eleven Youth of the Month recipients. Each school will be responsible for selecting the most qualified student from their previous nine submitted YOM recipients, to be considered for the Youth of the Year award.
- B) Border Patrol will gather a selection committee, comprised of our community partners, to select the Youth of the Year.
- C) The Youth of the Year recipient announcement date is TBD (to be determined).

The Laredo Sector Border Patrol would like to thank all the partners who help make this program possible and a great success.

- The Honorable Judge Diana Saldaña
- U.S. Senator John Cornyn
- U.S. Senator Ted Cruz
- U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar
- Texas State Senator Judith Zaffirini
- Texas State Representative Richard Raymond
- Texas State Representative Don McGlaughlin Jr.
- Attorney at Law Rosaura “Wawi” Tijerina
- Area Health Education Center Mid Rio Grande Border Region
- AwardMasterz
- Sames Auto Arena
- Variety Meats
- McDonalds
- Rock Fitness Center
- Dr. Sara Campos
- Joe Jackson Funeral Chapals
- Rock Fitness Center
- The Outlet Shoppes of Laredo
- Dr. CC’s Tooth Factory
- Captured by Claudia
- Blue Knights MC



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Contact Information

Thank you for taking the time to submit your application for the Youth of the Month.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Border Community Liaison Representatives

Border Community Liaison Main Number: (956) 764-3141

<u>Border Community Liaison:</u>	<u>Office number</u>
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