

Growth & Grit Award – Nomination Criteria (Youth)

The **Growth & Grit Award** recognizes a young individual who has demonstrated extraordinary perseverance, determination, and personal growth. This award honors youth who overcome challenges, inspire others, and embody the values of resilience, leadership, and continuous improvement.

Eligibility

- Open to youth ages **10–18** (or as defined by the organization).
 - Must be actively involved in school, extracurricular activities, community programs, or service projects.
 - Demonstrates personal growth through overcoming adversity, learning new skills, or taking on leadership roles.
 - Serves as a role model for peers through actions, attitude, and positive influence.
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Nomination Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated based on the following key areas:

1. Resilience & Perseverance (30 points)

- Overcomes personal, academic, or social challenges with determination and a positive attitude.
 - Demonstrates grit and persistence in pursuing goals despite setbacks.
 - Serves as an example of strength and courage to peers and the community.
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2. Personal Growth & Development (25 points)

- Shows significant improvement in areas such as academics, leadership, or personal behavior.
- Takes initiative to learn, grow, and set higher goals for themselves.
- Demonstrates a willingness to accept feedback and strive for excellence.

3. Leadership & Peer Influence (20 points)

- Inspires and motivates others through actions and words.
- Acts as a leader among peers, whether formally or informally.
- Encourages a positive environment by modeling respect, teamwork, and kindness.

4. Community Impact (15 points)

- Actively participates in service projects, school activities, or community organizations.
- Demonstrates a commitment to helping others and improving their community.
- Creates or contributes to initiatives that make a meaningful difference.

5. Future Potential & Vision (10 points)

- Shows a clear vision for personal growth and future goals.
- Displays the mindset and work ethic needed to continue making a positive impact.

Supporting Documentation

All nominations must include:

- **Completed nomination form** with youth's name, age, and contact information.
- A **500–600 word narrative** describing the nominee's journey of growth and grit.
- Up to **two letters of support** from teachers, mentors, coaches, or community leaders.
- Optional: Photos, testimonials, or examples of achievements (e.g., school projects, awards, volunteer work).