



## GUIDELINES FOR UTAH YOUNG HUMANITARIAN AWARD APPLICANTS

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### **PURPOSE OF THE AWARD**

The Youthlinc Utah Young Humanitarian Award will recognize Utah students who are full-time juniors or seniors in high school or undergraduate college or university students who excel in their efforts to give back to their communities.

### **FUNDING**

One overall high school winner and one overall college winner of the Youthlinc Utah Young Humanitarian Award will each receive a \$7,500 award to be used for tuition or other expenses for either undergraduate or graduate studies at the college or university of the student's choice.

One high school and one college runner up will each receive a \$4,000 award to be used for tuition or other expenses at the college or university of the student's choice.

Three high school students and three college students will each receive a \$1,500 award.

All award checks are sent to the educational institution, not the student.

### **DEFINITION OF SERVICE**

For the purpose of this award, service is defined as unpaid volunteer efforts which contribute to the well being of needy individuals or communities. Such service is motivated primarily by selfless intent and desire to help others. Though there is value in brief service efforts with many different needy populations, sustained and focused service efforts will be considered more meaningful. Utah's Young Humanitarians are service leaders who undertake successful projects, working with others to achieve meaningful results.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

All applications must be received by Tuesday, March 1, 2022. No late applications can be considered and no part of the application can be returned.

Applications must be submitted on the Youthlinc website [www.youthlinc.org](http://www.youthlinc.org)

A Scholarship Award Committee made up of Utah community leaders in the fields of education, business, politics, law, and community service will review the applications.

The ten top finalists will be notified by or before April 1, 2022 and will be asked to interview with a Scholarship Award Committee on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 8:30 am- 12:00 pm. **If the applicant is not available for the interview or is unable to attend the Scholarship Celebration they cannot be considered for the Award and another candidate will be selected.**

The Scholarship Award Committee will select the overall winner on Saturday, April 9, 2022 and winners will be notified by April 15, 2022.

The overall winners will be recognized at a Scholarship Celebration on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. All winners will also be invited to attend the Annual Youthlinc Benefit on Saturday, August 27, 2022 and two additional tickets will be provided to each finalist.

Any finalist who will be attending the University of Utah will receive additional funding from the University Union Scholarship Fund. To receive this additional award, University of Utah finalists must attend the Union Scholarship Celebration on September 15, 2022.

### **CRITERIA FOR AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applicants must be a student of Utah. Applicants must be a junior or Senior in a Utah high school or must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate college or University program in the state of Utah. Graduate students are not eligible for this Award. Transcripts are requested only as proof of enrollment. The Youthlinc Utah Young Humanitarian Award rewards service, not Grade Point Average (GPA).

There is a soft age limit of 25 years. In our experience of facilitating the Youthlinc Utah Young Humanitarian Award since 2005, we have found that applicants over the age of 25 have more time to gain service and leadership experience when compared to the majority of applicants. Individuals over 25 may apply with this consideration.



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The application for the Youthline Utah Young Humanitarian Award must be complete, must follow all requirements as outlined, and all components of the application must be received by the deadline. Applicants will be judged on quality of essays and letters of recommendation and, above all, on evidence of sustained, focused service efforts on behalf of genuinely needy individuals or communities. We are looking for applicants that demonstrate strong leadership skills, consistent service over a period of time, hands-on service, self-driven service, collaboration with others, and **local impact right here in Utah**.

### **PUBLICITY**

The top ten finalists for the Youthline Utah Young Humanitarian Award will be featured in a slideshow or video presentation at the Youthline Annual Benefit. Finalists must provide head shots and photos of their involvement in service and may be asked to make themselves available for prior photography, videotaping of interviews, and assist in arranging interviews with service colleagues, supervisors, or other individuals.

The top finalists may be featured in news stories on local television stations and in newspaper articles. Any information included by participants or recommenders of participants in this application may be used in press releases.

All applicants must be willing to be featured in any related television or newspaper coverage. Any information included by applicants may be used at Youthline's discretion for the purpose of promoting the Young Humanitarian Award.

### **AWARD DISTRIBUTION**

Checks for the awards will be written to the college or university of the award recipient's choice. Checks will not be written to the student.

Award recipients must supply Youthline with the name and contact information of the appropriate person at their chosen college or university as soon as possible and no later than three months after receipt of the award. Failure to do so may result in a retraction of award monies.

A letter will be written to the college or university explaining the Award and explaining that if money remains when the student is no longer attending the institution, no refund of any kind can be made to the student. Students who receive the Youthline Utah Young Humanitarian Award agree to request no refund of award money should they leave the educational institution.

Falsification of any part of the application is grounds for immediate retraction of any award amount received. If any part of the application is found to be falsified, recipient agrees to return the award in full. If the award has been applied to tuition fees, recipient agrees to return the award money with their own funds.

Scholarship monies must be used by the recipient for the purposes of a college education within three years of the award notification. Youthline does not agree to hold award monies for a recipient after three years.

**\*\*No family member of the Scholarship Award Committee is eligible to apply for this Award.**

For questions, please contact Shannon Moss, Youthline Local Service Director, at [shannon@youthline.org](mailto:shannon@youthline.org) or 801-467-4417.