

2021 Nominations Are Now Open!

17th Annual
the power
OF CHILDREN AWARDS:
Making a Difference
Grades 6-11



Are you, or is someone you know in Grades 6 through 11, making an extraordinary difference in the lives of others?

The Power of Children Awards celebrate students in Grades 6 through 11 who help to make the world a better place.

To learn more about all of the 84 extraordinary Power of Children awardees visit childrensmuseum.org/poca.

Winners receive:

- \$2,500 Grant for their service initiative
- Partial four-year College Scholarship
- Recognition in the museum's *The Power of Children*® exhibit
- Recognition during a special awards event on Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 at The Children's Museum*

Application deadline: Midnight, May 15, 2021

Online nominations can be submitted only at childrensmuseum.org/award-spring

**Depending on health and safety restrictions due to COVID-19.*

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Katherine Adams

Dallas, Texas • 8th Grade
Paper For Water
Nominated by Kayla McCaffrey



Abhi Desai

Phoenix, Arizona • 11th Grade
LexGen
Nominated by Surya Tonduru



Viraj Jayam

Roslyn Heights, New York • 11th Grade
Helping Hands Long Island
Nominated by Richard Connelly



Benjamin Olshin

Portland, Oregon • 11th Grade
Babies With Books
Nominated by Dr. Howard Cohen



Jahin Rahman

New York, New York • 11th grade
Efforts in Youth Development of Bangladesh
Nominated by Selima Ashraf



Samyak Shrimali

Portland, Oregon • 9th Grade
Sanjeevani: A Novel Automated System for Hospital Acquired Infection
Nominated by Dr. Mahfuza Ali

Making a Difference

Over the past 16 years, 84 winners from 59 cities, 19 states, and 72 schools have made an enormous impact. The awards are inspired by the museum's dynamic exhibit, *The Power of Children: Making a Difference*[®], which features the stories of three children who changed the world in unique ways: Anne Frank, Ruby Bridges, and Ryan White. A fourth youth, Malala Yousafzai, will be added to the exhibit in the fall of 2021.

Award Notification

All participants will be notified of the judges' award selections by July 12, 2021.

Awards Criteria

Judges will evaluate applications primarily based on the (200 words or less) responses of nominators and nominees to each of the four criteria prompts:

Need Addressed: How the youth became aware of a need or cause facing the community or world and what they did to address it.

Impact Achieved: How the youth's project, program, or nonprofit organization has made a real impact (short-term and/or long-term) and what the youth and others have given to it (time, talents, and resources donated and invested).

Learning and Skills Developed: How the youth has grown in skills and knowledge through the course of their project, program, or organization.

Engagement/Empowerment Continued: How the youth plans to continue the project, program, or nonprofit organization or to support its cause and how the funds from the Power of Children Awards would be used.

Rules for Participation (Nomination)

- All nomination materials, rules, and criteria available at childrensmuseum.org/award-spring.
- Only individuals are eligible for nomination; no nominations for groups that created projects, programs, or organizations will be accepted. Only one nomination per youth will be accepted.
- Youth nominees must have been enrolled in Grades 6 to 11 during the 2020–2021 school year and must have actively participated in their service work between July 2020 and May 2021.
- Adult nominators must be 21 years of age or older and not related to the nominee.
- All nominees must certify that, if selected as an award recipient, they will attend the awards presentation at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis on Nov. 12, 2021*. Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of the award.
- **Online applications only. All adult forms and youth forms must be submitted electronically by midnight on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at childrensmuseum.org/award-spring.**

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