

# 2020 Nominations Are Now Open!

16th 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 78 extraordinary Power of Children Award winners visit [childrensmuseum.org/poca](http://childrensmuseum.org/poca).**

**Winners receive:**

- \$2,000 Project Grant
- Partial four-year College Scholarship
- Recognition in the museum's *The Power of Children: Take Action* area
- Recognition during a special awards event on Nov. 13, 2020, at The Children's Museum and participation in the Power of Children Symposium on Nov. 14, 2020

**Application deadline: Midnight, April 13, 2020**

Online applications only at [childrensmuseum.org/AwardSpring](http://childrensmuseum.org/AwardSpring)

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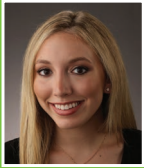
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# The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

## Power of Children Awards Winner Highlights 2019

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[childrensmuseum.org/poca](http://childrensmuseum.org/poca)



### Sophie Draluck

Highland Park, Illinois • 11th Grade  
*Cycle Forward*  
Nominated by Hallie Shapiro Devir



### Raghav Ganesh

San Jose, California • 11th Grade  
*Serene*  
Nominated by Bob Zeidman



### Ptolemy Henson

McCordsville, Indiana • 10th Grade  
*Every Leaf Has a STEM*  
Nominated by Tally Shanley



### Jahkil Jackson

Chicago, Illinois • 6th Grade  
*Project I Am*  
Nominated by Aileen Briones



### Emma Meyer

Zionsville, Indiana • 8th Grade  
*Emma's Bundles of Books and Joy*  
Nominated by Catherine Pangan



### Summer Steinmiller

Bethesda, Maryland • 10th Grade  
*Teens vs. Trafficking*  
Nominated by John Manchester

## Making a Difference

Over the past 15 years, 78 winners from 57 cities, 19 states, and 66 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 touched the world in unique ways: Anne Frank, Ruby Bridges, and Ryan White.

## Award Notification

All participants will be notified of the judges' award selections by June 30, 2020.

## Awards Criteria

Judges will evaluate Youth applications 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 she/he/they did to address it.

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

**Learning & Skills Developed:** How the Youth has grown in skills and knowledge through the course of her/his/their project.

**Engagement/Empowerment Continued:** How the Youth plans to continue the project or support its cause and how the funds from the Power of Children Awards would be used.

## Rules For Participation (Nomination)

- All materials, rules, and criteria available at [childrensmuseum.org/AwardSpring](http://childrensmuseum.org/AwardSpring).
- Only individuals are eligible for nomination; no group nominations or group projects will be accepted. Only one nomination per youth will be accepted.
- Youth nominees must be enrolled in Grades 6 to 11 as of the application deadline (Monday, April 13, 2020) and must have actively participated in the projects during the 2019–2020 school year.
- 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. 13, 2020, and the Power of Children Symposium on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020. 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 April 13, 2020, at [childrensmuseum.org/AwardSpring](http://childrensmuseum.org/AwardSpring).**

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