



GALVESTON YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Thursday, February 13, 2025

Return BHS Counselor or to Ms. Vaiani at tiffanyvaiani@gisd.org

Congratulations on your decision to apply for the Galveston Youth Leadership Awards. These awards began in 1980 and remain some of the most prestigious awards given to seniors. An application packet can be completed as a hard copy and handed into a BHS counselor; however, a digital application is preferable, with instructions in bold print. **A digital copy of your application should be sent to Ms. Vaiani via her email above.**

Your application must include the following:

- 1. Completion of the Nominee Application Information form. With a digital application, you will need to reconstruct the form and information on your computer so it can be submitted and accessed.**
- 2. Two teacher evaluations. It is helpful if the teacher fills out the form and attaches a personal letter of recommendation. For digital application purposes, you should scan these completed forms and submit them with your application. Letters can be sent as attachments.**
- 3. One letter from someone who has overseen your volunteer work, preferably someone outside of school. With a digital application, you will also need to scan or attach this letter.**

The judges will be considering your leadership, as well as your academic and athletic achievements, your community service and evidence of your cultural awareness. The Ball High scholarship committee selects winners based on the written application process only. The depth and quality of your application will set you apart from other applicants. Each aspect of the application is assigned points, so be sure you have completed all parts. The GYLA community judges use the written application along with a personal video to determine the top three award winners.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Jan Vanderpool 409-739-0126



Nominee Background Information

The information may be handwritten or computer-generated. Supporting documents are encouraged.

Name: _____ School _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

I. Academics

1. Overall GPA: _____ Rank in Class: *(To be filled in by counselor)* _____

2. Honors and Awards received: _____

3. Teacher/counselor evaluations: *(Two are required—see attached forms)* _____

II. Athletics *(Describe level of involvement- Number hours per week, number of years involved, participation in events)*

1. Sports activities: _____

2. Personal fitness activities: _____

3. Awards/recognition: _____

III. Community Service *(Include activities in and outside of school)*

1. Membership in organizations and positions held: _____

2. Volunteer work: _____

3. Independent projects: _____

4. Honors and awards received: _____

5. Supervisor/sponsor recommendation: *(Attach at least one letter from a sponsor with whom you have worked, preferably someone outside of school)*

IV. Cultural Awareness

(Describe activities/interests displaying cultural awareness—music, art, foreign language, travel, clubs, etc.)

V. Miscellaneous Activities

1. School clubs and organizations: *(include leadership positions)* _____

2. Job experience: _____

3. Hobbies/Special interests: _____

VI. Please attach a recent photo *(Head shot preferred; wallet size. Finalists will be asked to provide an electronic photo)*

Student signature: _____ Date _____



Teacher Evaluation

Name of Nominee: _____

Name of Evaluator: _____ Position/Title: _____

School: _____

To the evaluator: The nominee indicated has been selected as a participant in the Galveston Youth Leadership Awards Program. To aid the judging panel, we wish to include candid comments regarding the nominee's performance and motivation from persons who have direct experience with the nominee. We appreciate the time you take to provide this information.

How long have you known the nominee? _____

In what capacity?

What do you consider the nominee's outstanding talents?

Please comment on your impression of the nominee's potential for career achievement, civic service and overall leadership ability:

Please rate the applicant in relation to his or her peers.

Analytical Ability	Outstanding	Good	Average	Poor	Unable to Judge
Communication Skills: (Oral)					
(Written)					
Initiative					
Interpersonal Relations					
Leadership					
Maturity					
Organizational Ability					

Signed: _____

Date: _____