

# John Lewis Youth Leadership Award Application

The John Lewis Youth Leadership Award, established in 2021 by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), aims to honor the extraordinary accomplishments of Congressman John Lewis.

## Eligibility:

- The applicant must be 25 years or younger.
- The applicant should demonstrate leadership abilities and have a passion for social justice.
- The applicant is recognized in their community for being civic-minded and improving the quality of life in their community. The community must be within Alaska.
- The applicant has shown a meaningful commitment to address civil rights issues, including but not limited to voting rights, and to authentically bring about positive change in his or her community.
- Examples could include youth leadership in a specific project or program, advocacy, or even literature as the Congressman also won a National Book Award for young people's literature.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, AK, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (if applicant is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

## References

1. Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include as much detail and description as possible when answering these questions. Please use another piece of paper attached to this application with the number listed if necessary. The Lieutenant Governor's office may use this information to find media stories as part of the supporting materials required for this award.

1. Describe a time when you advocated for or created significant change within your community that improved the lives of community members and/or addressed civil rights issues.

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2. Describe a time when you used leadership skills to organize an event, function, or gathering in order to bring your community together, improve the lives of people in your community or advocate for social justice.

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3. Describe anything else you've done, created, or participated in that you believe makes you eligible for this award.

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