



Youth of the Year 2019

Application Packet

Detroit PAL is very proud to serve more than 14,000 youth participants each year through athletic, academic, and leadership development programs. Each year, we choose one young man or young woman to represent all of the young people in our programs as the Youth of the Year. The Youth of the Year honor is about celebrating and investing in our youth's future.

This chosen individual will have the honor of being the face of Detroit PAL youth at events throughout 2019. Detroit PAL will work with the Youth of the Year to prepare them for all speaking and presentation opportunities, including fundraisers, youth athletic events, and even sometimes on TV or radio. Through this experience, the Youth of the Year will gain experience, learn new skills, and make some great memories.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please fill out the attached application by Monday, February 4, 2019.



Youth of the Year - Application Guidelines

Eligibility

- Must have participated in Detroit PAL programs for at least 3 years
 - More than one Detroit PAL program is preferred
- Must be 13-17 years old
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Must have previous community service involvement

Application Requirements

- ❖ **Application Page** –complete the attached application and return along with all required materials
- ❖ **Essay**
 - In one typed page, please describe why you are the best candidate for the Detroit PAL Youth of the Year. Please include current GPA and community service involvement.
- ❖ **2-3 letters of support (Cannot be related to applicant)**
 - Letters of support should provide examples of how the applicant has demonstrated Detroit PAL's core character values of responsibility, leadership, discipline, teamwork, respect & diversity.

Any certificates, acknowledgements, or certifications may be submitted for consideration but are not required.

ALL MATERIALS ARE DUE TO THE DETROIT PAL OFFICE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Completed applications can be mailed, dropped off, or emailed to:

**Detroit PAL
Attn: Andrea Ray
1680 Michigan Ave
Detroit, MI 48216**

Email: aray@detroitpal.org



Expectation/Opportunities

As the Youth of the Year, you will be expected to represent Detroit PAL youth by attending a variety of events. Previously attended events include:

- Annual Paul W. Smith Golf Classic Fundraiser
- Detroit PAL championship games (at Ford Field, Calihan Hall, & others)
- Detroit PAL Tigers game check presentation
- Detroit PAL season opening days
- Community partner events
- North American International Auto Show Charity Preview
- Detroit PAL signature fundraising event - MVP Awards Banquet
- Youth Empowerment Workshops
- Radio and TV interviews

What's Next?

- Candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview at the Detroit PAL office. The interview will last approximately 30 minutes
- Once interviews are complete, the committee will select the Youth of the Year for 2019
- The selected Youth of the Year will be notified by March 1, 2019

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH FOR CONSIDERATION**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Andrea Ray at aray@detroitpal.org



OFFICIAL YOUTH OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

This form must be completed.

Female

Male

Date

Last Name of Applicant

First Name

Middle Initial

Date of Birth (must be at least 13 to apply)

of years with Detroit PAL

Grade

Name of School

Projected High School Graduation Date (Month/Year)

Home Address

Email Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number with Area Code

Alternate Phone Number with Area Code

I (we) consent to print, online publication, use of photographs and information contained in this application form, and photos and video taken during the entire Youth of the Year process from Detroit PAL or its agents. I (we) attest that all information contained in this application form and attached supporting materials is to the best of my (our) knowledge- truthful, accurate and complete.

Signature of Nominee

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Parent Email Address

Address of Parent or Legal Guardian (if different from above)

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number with Area Code

Alternate Phone Number with Area Code