Bright Futures Scholarship Information

YWCA Mahoning Valley has received a grant from the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation to provide scholarship awards to 2 senior students for $3,000 and $2,000 per year for up to 4 years of college towards their bachelor's degree. Total award amount per student will be $12,000 and $8,000 over 4 years of college. These 2 award winners will be chosen from the Bright Futures honorees. Certain criteria will need to be fulfilled to be considered for this award. Scholarships will be limited to honorees attending colleges with Main Campuses in Northeastern Ohio or Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Scoring Criteria for Award: Sub
- 10 points for demonstrating leadership in school community
- 10 points for demonstrating leadership in business or community organizations
- 10 points for participation in an YWCA community service project
- 10 points for participation in an essay contest
- 10 points for participation in an interview
- 20 points for completing the application packet (Due March 6)
- 20 points for the essay on eliminating racism and empowering women (Due March 6)
- 20 points for essay on the importance of women's leadership (Due March 6)
- 10 points for personally attending the banquet (family representation is not considered)

Total – 100 points

Note: Points will be deducted for late arrivals and early departures from any sessions.

Scholarship amounts are $12,000 and $8,000 over 4 years. Details Enclosed.

Request for Nominations 2021

To: High School Principal or Guidance Counselor

YWCA Mahoning Valley invites your high school to participate in the Annual YWCA Young Women With Bright Futures Awards Program:
Saturday, March 27, 2021
From 10 A.M. to 12 P.M.
YWCA Mahoning Valley, 25 W. Rayen Ave., Youngstown

Last year, young women from 30 Mahoning Valley high schools were recognized for their qualities of leadership, volunteerism, cooperation, and scholarship. Participation of local dignitaries, area businesses, and media coverage helped make the event even more memorable.

We need your help: YWCA’s goal is to showcase the positive achievements of teen women in the Mahoning Valley. We kindly request that you coordinate the selection of one senior from your high school. This young woman should possess qualities that will make her an outstanding citizen and future leader. There is a non-refundable $30.00 Nomination Fee.

Nomination deadline is December 21, 2020.

Award Opportunities:
- Each honoree has the opportunity to enter an optional Essay Contest. Please see enclosed essay form for more information.
- Scholarships will be awarded to two honorees who plan to attend an accredited college/university in Northeastern Ohio or Northwestern Pennsylvania in the fall of 2021.

Scholarship amounts are $12,000 and $8,000 over 4 years. Details Enclosed.

Questions? Call the YWCA at 330-746-6361 ext. 110

Copy of this nomination form is available for download at www.ywcamahoningvalley.org

Nomination Deadline: December 21, 2020

For more information, questions or concerns, contact Jessica Gibbs at 330-746-6361 ext. 110.
Standards for Selection

Only one recipient per high school. The recipient is selected by her high school.

The Selection of the Young Woman Should:

- Be a Senior
- Be a well-rounded person who has exhibited service to her school and community
- Demonstrate leadership qualities
- Be known for her creative talents
- Have academic achievements

Guidelines

Nominees must be sponsored by their high school or an auxiliary organization such as PTA or academic club. $30 Nomination fee.

Requirements

(Please check these dates with your nominee before submitting her name)

- Bright Futures Award Recipients are required to attend an Orientation Meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2021, from 9 to 11 am. Orientation at 9 am followed by Racial Justice Training session at 10 am. (Format/Venue TBD)
- Bright Futures Award Recipients are required to attend the Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 27, 2021, at 10 am at YWCA Mahoning Valley
- Honorees are urged to attend 3 Leadership Development Sessions for personal development. (Honorees earn 10 points per session towards their scholarship application by attending these sessions.) Meeting location for the leadership sessions will be discussed at a later date.

Young Women With Bright Futures Essay Contest

Theme:

The Elimination of Racism and The Empowerment of Women

Since the YWCA was established over 115 years ago, it has been a voice for women and girls and a force for change. Today, the YWCA emphasizes the need to eliminate racism, along with the well-known goal of empowering women. Whether it be preparing our children to prosper in a multicultural world or working directly to eliminate racism in our community, the YWCA is working to achieve these goals.

YWCA embraces a national mission: Eliminating racism and empowering women. Please discuss what this mission means to you and how you plan to or how you have made a difference in this regard.

This optional award opportunity is available only to Bright Futures Honorees.

- Essays should be 300-500 words typed, double spaced and include a cover page with your name, contact information, and school.
- Essays will be judged for style, content, initiative, relevance to the YWCA mission, leadership development, outcome, and potential implications.
- Essay deadline: March 6, 2021
- Winner will be notified by email/phone call and a $100 award will be presented at the banquet on Saturday, March 27, 2021, at the discretion of the judges.

Mail essays by March 6, 2021 to:

YWCA Mahoning Valley
Bright Futures Award Committee
25 W. Rayen Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44503

Essays may also be emailed to Jessica Gibbs at jgibbs@myywca.org by March 6, 2021

Nomination Form Deadline: December 21, 2020