

Cape Coral Youth Council Excellence Award Application



Applications open February 3, 2026. All Applications are due to Connie Griglin no later than 3:00 PM on March 3, 2026. Applications may be emailed (cgriglin@capecoral.gov) or hand-delivered/mailed to the Cape Coral City Council Office, 1015 Cultural Park Blvd, Cape Coral, FL, 33990.

The Cape Coral Youth Council Awards Program recognizes one high school student in each of our five categories: **Leadership, Arts, Civic Engagement, Excellence in Academics, and Athletics**. Students must be **residents of Cape Coral** but may attend any school. Students must have an **unweighted GPA of 3.0** and must be in good behavioral and academic standing with their school. Award recipients will be selected by vote of the Cape Coral Youth Council and will be notified thereafter. **If selected, the award ceremony will be held on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 3:00 PM in the Cape Coral City Council Chambers, located at 1015 Cultural Park Blvd, Cape Coral, FL, 33990.** We encourage you to invite friends and family to attend your award ceremony if you are selected.

Please submit any documentation that assists in the general confirmation of the information that you provided (transcripts, letters of community service hours from advisors, etc.). *If you are emailing your application, please make sure to submit your supporting documentation and completed application in the form of a PDF file as an attachment to the email.*****

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Student Information:

Name: _____

Address (include city, state, and zip code):

Grade Level: _____

School: _____

Unweighted GPA (Please attach documentation): _____

Community Service Hours (Please attach documentation): _____

Contact Information: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Contact Information: _____

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Please select the category that you are applying for (please select only one):

- **Leadership (Student Government Officer Position, Club Officer Position, JROTC Staff Position, etc.)**
- **Arts (Performing, Digital, etc.) Please provide examples of your work, if applicable.**
- **Civic Engagement (Model United Nations, YMCA Youth In Government, Political Campaign Volunteering, etc.)**
- **Excellence in Academics (High scores in AICE, IB, AP, Dual Enrollment, and/or high SAT/ACT scores, etc.) Please provide documentation.**
- **Athletics (Varsity, Team Leadership, etc.)**

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Questions: To be completed by student-applicant.

In 250 words or less, please introduce yourself to the Cape Coral Youth Council. Tell us about your hobbies, interests, and your personal story. Be as descriptive as you wish.

In 250 words or less, please list all your clubs, activities, and recognitions/achievements. These may be outside of your selected category.

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In 250 words or less, please explain how your passion for your selected category started. Why are you still passionate about it today?

In 250 words or less, please explain what makes you stand out from other students who may be similar to you.

By signing below, you confirm that all the information that you provided is accurate to the best of your knowledge:

Student Name, Print

Date:

Student Signature

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(Additional Section on the Following Page)

*****TO BE COMPLETED BY EITHER A TEACHER, GUIDANCE
COUNSELOR, ADMINISTRATOR, OR CLUB ADVISOR*****

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Title: _____

School: _____

Years in Position: _____

Please write a letter of recommendation for this student regarding the following:

- 1. How long have you known this student, and how have you supported the student through your position?**
- 2. How does the student stand out from other students that you have worked with?**
- 3. Do you feel as though this student is a good representation of the category that they have selected? Please explain**

*****Please attach a letter to this application*****

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Any additional comments that regard other information that you feel would be pertinent for the Youth Council to consider about this student:

By signing below, you confirm that all the information that you provided is accurate to the best of your knowledge:

Adult Name, Print _____ **Date:** _____

Adult Signature _____ **Date:** _____