

Young Leaders Awards 2025 – Nomination Questions

Please note: The online form does **not** save your progress. Once you start completing it, you must finish in one go. We've created this document so you can see the questions in advance and prepare your answers if you'd like.

This document contains:

- All of the questions for all 10 of the categories.
- Tips on making a good application
- An example of a good v bad nomination

You may make up to **two nominations**. We recommend drafting your answers in a separate document first, then copying them into the online form when you're ready to submit.

Questions

Category 1: Volunteer of the Year

Recognising significant contributions to the community through volunteering, for example in sports, creativity, support roles, charity work, or organising events and marches.

- What has the nominee done to make a significant contribution through volunteering (e.g. in sports, creativity, support roles, charity work, or organising events)? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had on the community and on others? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had for the nominee, in terms of their personal growth? *375 - 1200 characters

Category 2: Voice and Leadership Award

Recognising someone who speaks up for others, leads by example, or has driven positive change through campaigning or organising.

- What has the nominee done to speak up for others, lead by example, or drive positive change through campaigning or organising? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had on the community and on others? *375 - 1200 characters

- What impact or outcome has this had for the nominee, in terms of their personal growth? *375 - 1200 characters

Category 3: Young Carer of the Year

Recognising a young person who provides vital care and support to a family member while balancing school, work, and their own wellbeing.

- What has the nominee done to provide care and support to a family member while balancing other responsibilities? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had on the person they care for and the wider community? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had for the nominee, in terms of their personal growth? *375 - 1200 characters

Category 4: Creative Achievement Award

Celebrating outstanding creative work, of any artform, from visual art, writing and theatre to digital creators, designers, and musicians.

- What has the nominee created or achieved in their chosen artform (e.g. visual art, writing, theatre, digital content, design, music)? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had on audiences, the community and on others? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had for the nominee, in terms of their personal growth? *375 - 1200 characters
- Optional: Please provide up to 3 examples of their work below, that best showcases their creative abilities. Please provide accessible links

Category 5: Environmental Champion

For a young person taking real action on the environment - campaigning, projects, or practical work that makes their community greener.

- What has the nominee done to take action on environmental issues (e.g. campaigning, projects, practical work)? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had on the environment, the community and on others? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had for the nominee, in terms of their personal growth? *375 - 1200 characters

Category 6: Growth and Resilience Award

Celebrating personal progress. Overcoming barriers, building confidence, or showing determination through difficult circumstances.

- What challenges has the nominee faced and how have they shown resilience, determination, or personal growth in overcoming them? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had on the community and on others? *375 - 1200 characters
- What have they learned or gained from this experience? *375 - 1200 characters

Category 7: Sports Excellence Award

Honouring dedication, achievement, or leadership in sport and physical activity, on or off the field

- What has the nominee achieved or contributed in sport or physical activity (including leadership, teamwork, or performance)? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had on their team/club, the community, and on others? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had for the nominee, in terms of their personal growth? *375 - 1200 characters

Category 8: Mental Health and Wellbeing Champion

Recognising a young person who has made a positive impact on the mental health and wellbeing of others, in line with the priorities of our Children and Young People's Plan. Find more details about our plan here:

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/kb5/rbkc/fis/advice.page?id=cVbi0NCN6cY>

- What has the nominee done to promote or support mental health and wellbeing for others? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had on the community and on others? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had for the nominee, in terms of their personal growth? *375 - 1200 characters

Category 9: STEM Award

For achievement in science, technology, engineering, or maths.

- What has the nominee achieved or contributed in science, technology, engineering, or maths? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had on the community and on others? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had for the nominee, in terms of their personal growth? *375 - 1200 characters

Category 10: Group Achievement Award

Celebrating a youth group, project team, or collective (e.g. podcast group, youth project, band, campaign group) that achieved something together.

- Please provide a brief description of the group (who they are, what they do, and any key context) to help us understand them. *Max 1200 characters
- What has the group achieved together? How did they work as a team to achieve this? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had on the community and on others? *375 - 1200 characters
- What impact or outcome has this had for the group members, in terms of their personal growth or teamwork skills? *375 - 1200 characters

Tips for Writing Strong Nominations

- **Be specific** – share real examples of what the young person has done.
- **Show impact** – explain how their actions made a difference to others, their community, or themselves.
- **Use detail, not just praise** – instead of saying “they are amazing,” describe what they did that makes them stand out.
- **Keep it clear and concise** – aim for a few sentences or a short paragraph per answer.
- **Choose the best category** – read through the options before you decide which fits your nominee(s) best.

Example Of A Good Vs Bad Nomination

Q: What has the nominee done to make a significant contribution through volunteering (e.g. in sports, creativity, support roles, charity work, or organising events)? (375–1200 characters)

Weak Answer (bad example):

“Sam is a great volunteer and always helps out at our youth club. They are really committed and everyone appreciates them. They have been part of lots of activities and are always reliable. Sam is a kind person and works hard, so I think they deserve recognition.”

Strong Answer (good example):

“Over the past year, Sam has volunteered every Saturday at our youth football club, supporting 20 younger children to build their skills and confidence. They took on responsibility for planning warm-ups, refereeing matches, and mentoring new players, often arriving early to set up and staying late to pack away. Sam also organised a sponsored charity match which raised £800 for a local food bank. Their reliability meant the club could run smoothly, and their leadership encouraged several other young people to step up as junior volunteers.”

When you are ready, please return to the online form to submit your nomination(s).