
JCI Michigan Outstanding Young Michiganders Honors Program

The JCI MI Outstanding Young Michigander program was started in 1955 to recognize outstanding community leaders ages 18 and 40 years old from around the state of Michigan. The program honors up to five (5) Outstanding Young Michiganders (OYM).

AWARDS

The Outstanding Young Michigander honors program recognizes young people based on their achievements and contributions to their community. These individuals exemplify the Jaycee philosophies and ideals.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

It is not required that the nominee or nominator be a member of the Jaycees. Local Chapters may nominate up to two (2) individuals.

DEADLINES AND NOTIFICATIONS

All submissions are due electronically by 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2026. Notification of winners will be communicated to both nominees and nominators the week of July 13, 2026.

OYM AWARDS BANQUET

The JCI Michigan Outstanding Young Michigander program will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2026 in Holland, Michigan. Information on the banquet will be included in the winners' notification letter.

Winners will be announced to the media prior to the Honors program. Each Winner will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the awards banquet. Additional tickets may be purchased. For more information surrounding the event for the weekend, please visit jcimi.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact your 2026 Outstanding Young Michigander Committee at president@jcimi.org.



JCI Michigan 2026 Outstanding Young Michigander Nomination Form



Award Category. Choose one.

- Business, economic, and/or entrepreneurial accomplishment
- Political, legal, and/or governmental affairs
- Academic leadership and/or accomplishment
- Cultural achievement
- Moral and/or environmental leadership
- Contribution to children, world peace, and/or human rights
- Humanitarian and/or voluntary leadership
- Scientific and/or technological development
- Personal improvement and/or accomplishment
- Medical innovation

Nominee's Details

Nominee Name Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominee Address Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominee Phone Number Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominee E-mail Address Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominee Birthdate Click or tap to enter a date.

Job Title/Position Click or tap here to enter text.

Business/Company Click or tap here to enter text.

Business Address Click or tap here to enter text.

Business Phone Click or tap here to enter text.

Marital Status/Spouse Name Click or tap here to enter text.

Children (name, Age) Click or tap here to enter text.

Organizations and Affiliations (e.g. American Red Cross, Director, 2008) Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominee's Justification

1. Describe the nominee's education, including degrees earned, academic honors, etc. (limit 3,000 characters)
Click or tap here to enter text.
2. List important published works and a brief description of each. (limit 3,000 characters)
Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Occupation or Profession: Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Outline the timeline of the nominee's career or field of activity. (limit 9,000 characters)
Click or tap here to enter text.



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5. Describe the exceptional achievements of the nominee, and/or the challenges overcome to achieve them.
Click or tap here to enter text.
6. List important awards and honors the nominee received that illustrate his/her achievements. Include a brief description of each.
Click or tap here to enter text.
7. List any quotes from colleagues that illustrate the achievements and beliefs of the nominee.
Click or tap here to enter text.
8. What are the nominee's personal goals in life?
Click or tap here to enter text.
9. Who or what gave the nominee the inspiration for their chosen career?
Click or tap here to enter text.
10. What does the nominee consider the most important quality an individual in their field should possess?
Click or tap here to enter text.
11. How does the nominee promote community visibility/citizen accessibility?
Click or tap here to enter text.



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FOR NOMINATOR:

1. Summarize within this space the nominee's most outstanding humanitarian efforts and how the nominee exemplifies the line of the Jaycee Creed that states, "Service to humanity is the best work of life."
Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Summarize within this space the reason why you (nominator) believe your nominee should be selected as one of the Outstanding Young Michiganders.
Click or tap here to enter text.

Nominator Name Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address Click or tap here to enter text.

Is this nomination on behalf of a JCI Organization? Click or tap here to enter text.

If yes, for which Chapter/State? Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature *Electronic Signature accepted (or you may print and sign)*

Date Click or tap to enter a date.



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FOR NOMINEE:

I attest to all facts contained on this form and give permission for the facts to be used for publication. With the agreement to accept the OYM award banquet on November 7, 2026. I understand that barring extreme circumstances, the nominee is required to be present at the award Ceremonies held in conjunction with the JCI Michigan Outstanding Young Michigander. In the event circumstances prevent attendance, a nominee must present the conditions to The JCI Michigan President for his/her decision on the continued eligibility of the nominee for an award. They must keep the selection of all honorees confidential until JCI Michigan makes the formal announcement of the selections.

Upon selection, I understand that a headshot will be required within 5 business days as proof of my award acceptance.

I Understand that if selected, 20-50 candid photos will need to be submitted by July 10, 2026 through the format notified in your notification email.

Signature *Electronic Signature accepted (or you may print and sign)*

Date Click or tap to enter a date.

JCI MI OYM RULES GOVERNING NOMINATIONS:

- Age limit effective January 2026 is 18-40 years. A person is not eligible if the nominee becomes 41 before January 1 of the following year.
- The nominee must be a U.S. citizen.
- The nominee must be present at the awards ceremony.
- All questions on the nomination form MUST be answered. Incomplete nomination forms are subject to disqualification.
- The nominee may not be a current member of the JCI Board of Directors at the state, national or international level.
- It is not required that the nominee be a member of the Jaycees.
- A local chapter may nominate only one person for each category. Each JCI MI chapter is limited to no more than 2 "Outstanding Young Michigander" nominations per year.
- A video presentation will be prepared by our communications team.
- To assist with this, between 20 and 50 HIGH quality candid photos should be submitted in addition to a professional headshot. These photos should depict all aspects of the recipient's life (family, career, community, etc.). These photos will be required shortly after notification.
- Submissions must be received Electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2026.
- Recipients of an O.Y.M. award may be requested to complete a "Ten Outstanding Young Americans" (TOYA) nomination form, for submission to JCI USA.
- All entries become property of the JCI Michigan.
- Nominees must be willing to promote the ideals of JCI USA for the year after winning the award.
- Nominees must be willing to allow JCI USA to use their name, image, and submission information in current and/or future communication and promotion of the TOYA program.
- All rules must strictly be abided by, or entry will be disqualified.

Thank You for submitting a nominee for the Outstanding Young Michigander. Notification of winners will be communicated to both the nominee and the nominator the week of July 13, 2026. For additional information e-mail president@jcimi.org