



2023 City Year Alumni Leadership Awards

October 4, 2023

Dear City Year Alumni & Community:

Our City Year alumni, a global network of almost 40,000 inspirational adults, are leading, innovating, and contributing to their communities across a wide range of professions. City Year is committed to elevating these remarkable alums and recognizing those who have distinguished themselves through their leadership skills and their commitment to social justice.

I am pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2023 City Year Alumni Leadership Awards. Nominations are due Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

Choosing to serve with City Year is an act of idealism; a commitment to dedicate oneself to making a difference and building a stronger community, nation, and world for all of us. The Alumni Leadership Award, City Year's highest alumni recognition, celebrates our alums who have continued this commitment to service, and have demonstrated extraordinary achievement, contribution, and/or commitment to working towards social justice, and building stronger communities.

Since 1995, we have recognized 131 outstanding City Year alumni. We're thrilled this year to once again celebrate alums who continue to build stronger communities through innovative approaches to addressing critical social problems. I encourage you to nominate yourself or a fellow City Year alum for this recognition!

Please note the following about the nomination application:

- Individuals (both alums and non-alums) can nominate a City Year alum and complete the application on behalf of the nominee.
- We also encourage alums to self-nominate and complete the application to be considered.
- Please review this full nomination packet for guidelines around requirements for nomination materials. All nomination materials (nomination form, nominee's resume, and 2-3 letters of support) must be completed to submit the application.

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Laura Kazanovicz '04
Senior Director, National Alumni Impact
City Year, Inc.



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2023 City Year Alumni Leadership Awards Nomination Form

About the Award

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Award Categories:

- **DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD:** Honoring alums who graduated from City Year between 2018-2023. Alums who are still serving as City Year AmeriCorps members are not eligible.
- **ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Honoring alums who graduated from City Year between 1988-2017
- **CITY YEAR STAFF ALUMNI IMPACT AWARD:** Honoring City Year alums currently on staff with City Year for their contributions to the City Year community.

What We're Looking For:

Amongst the numerous ways they lead, successful nominees may be:

- Demonstrating significant contribution and commitment to building stronger communities.
- Inspiring, mobilizing, and empowering others
- Creating or utilizing sustainable practices and solutions for social change
- Disrupting and dismantling existing systemic, structural, and interpersonal inequities
- Utilizing gifts, talents, and creativity to influence change
- Continuously pursuing personal growth

Submission Requirements

Completed nominations must include the following:

1. Nomination Form:
 - a. [Section 1: Nominee Information](#)
 - b. [Section 2: Nominator information \(if applicable\)](#)
 - c. [Section 3: Short Answer Questions](#)
2. Letters of Support: 2 or 3 letters of support, including one from the lead nominator if not self-nominating (Limits: 2,000 characters per letter, [see pg 8 for guidelines](#). No additional letters of support will be accepted.)
3. Copy of the nominee's resume

Submit Complete Nomination Packet To:

Complete nomination packets should be submitted to Elaine Lunsford, National Alumni Operations Manager, at echiu@cityyear.org. If you have issues filling out this PDF, you may use this [alternative online form](#).

Timeline:

- Nominations are due Wednesday, November 15, 2023
- Nominations will be reviewed and recipients will be selected and notified in December
- Award recipients will be celebrated at the 2023 City Year Leadership Awards event on February 8, 2024

Section 1. Nominee Information

Nominee's Name & City Year Service Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

City Year Graduation Year (s) _____ Site(s) _____

Alumni Award Category

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Please select the award category you are nominating (all alumni who are active City Year staff members, no matter their year of graduation, should be nominated for the City Year Staff Alumni Impact Award)

Category _____

Nominee's Contact Information

Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please indicate: Home Business

Phone Number _____ Cell Home Work

Email Address _____ Personal Work

LinkedIn Profile Link (if applicable) _____

Section 2. Nominator's Contact Information (if applicable)

Nominator's Name

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Nominator's Contact Information

Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Home Work

Email Address _____ Personal Work



Section 3. Short Answer Questions

1. In 500 words OR via video share with us the following: Why does the nominee deserve to be chosen as a 2023 City Year Alumni Leadership Award honoree?

Written Word Instructions: Please keep your response to 500 words or less. If the nominee is selected, we will edit and repurpose these words for recognition of the nominee.



(Question 1 Continued) Video Instructions: Please upload a 3-4 minute unlisted video via YouTube. When uploading the video, under the “Visibility” tab (after you upload the file), select “Unlisted”. This ensures that only those with the link can view the video: it won’t appear in the Videos tab of your channel homepage or show up in YouTube’s search results. Videos should not exceed 4 minutes in length.

YouTube Video Link _____

2. What is the nominee’s focus area(s) within their work towards social justice?

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Classism | Healthcare | Refugee Crisis |
| Criminal Justice Reform | Hunger/Food Insecurity | Religious Freedom |
| Disability Rights | Immigrant Rights | Voting Rights |
| Educational Equity | LGBTQIA+ oppression | Wealth/Income Gap |
| Employment | Policing | Women |
| Environmental Justice | Poverty/Economic Injustice | Youth/Child Welfare |
| Gun Violence | Racial Justice/Systemic Racism | |

Other: _____

3. Goals, Drive and Objectives

Describe the nominee’s commitment to social justice in their focus area including their goals, drive, and objectives.
In other words, what’s their why? Answers should be no longer than 350 words

(for Staff Impact Award): Describe the nominee’s focus area at City Year, including their goals, drive, and objectives.
In other words, what’s their why? Answers should be no longer than 350 words



4. Tools/Methods

What tools/methods does the nominee use to achieve their objectives? Please provide examples.

Tools and methods can be defined as advocacy, community organizing, art, campaigns, educating others, program development, creating an organization/process, litigation, etc. Answers should be no longer than 350 words.



5. Impact

How has the nominee advanced the work of social justice? What impact has the nominee had on the community?

Describe their impact and effectiveness. Include qualitative/quantitative data if applicable.

(for Staff Impact Award) How has the nominee advanced City Year's work? What impact has the nominee had on the City Year community? Describe their impact and effectiveness. Include qualitative/quantitative data if applicable.

Answers should be no longer than 350 words

6. Supporting Artifacts (Optional)

You may include up to 5 supporting artifacts. This could be news articles, features, video, website, example of work, etc. This section is not intended to be used for quotes. Please encourage any references to submit a letter of support.



2023 City Year Alumni Leadership Awards Letters of Support

Note to Letter Writers

Thank you for writing a letter in support of a City Year Alum's nomination for the City Year Alumni Leadership Awards, City Year's highest alumni recognition. This award recognizes outstanding City Year alumni who exemplify a continued commitment to service. Winners of this award have demonstrated extraordinary achievement, contribution, and/or commitment to addressing critical social issues, working towards social justice, and building stronger communities.

Leadership Award Nominee Profile:

Amongst the numerous ways they lead, successful nominees may be:

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Guidelines for Letters

In no more than 2000 characters (about one page), letters of support should highlight the following:

1. How do you personally know the nominee and in what capacity have you witnessed the impact they've made?
2. Cite specific examples of how the nominee has worked to advance an issue of social justice and strengthen community. [Note: If the nominee is currently employed by City Year as a staff member, please cite specific examples of how the nominee has significantly contributed to City Year]. Your letter should highlight:
 - a. What primary social issue or cause is the nominee addressing through their efforts? (i.e. education, racism, poverty, healthcare, human rights, youth development, LGBTQIA+, environmental sustainability, etc.)
 - b. What methods has the nominee developed or utilized? How have these practices advanced this social issue or cause?
 - c. How has the nominee impacted their community(s)? In what ways can this nominee's impact be measured? (i.e. Number of people positively influenced, a sustainable solution/program they've developed, how long the nominee has been working on the issue, etc.)
3. Did the nominee's City Year experience impact them and/or the social justice work they do? If so, how?
4. Letters should state the full name, email address of the letter writer, and relationship to nominee.

Submission

Please submit your letter of support to the nominator (or nominee if they are nominating themselves) so it can be included in the nomination packet prior to the deadline of Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

For any questions, please reach out to Elaine Lunsford, National Alumni Operations Manager, at echiu@cityyear.org