



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:

- 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

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.

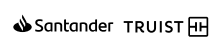
Submission

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



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