



THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

2022 IMPACT REPORT



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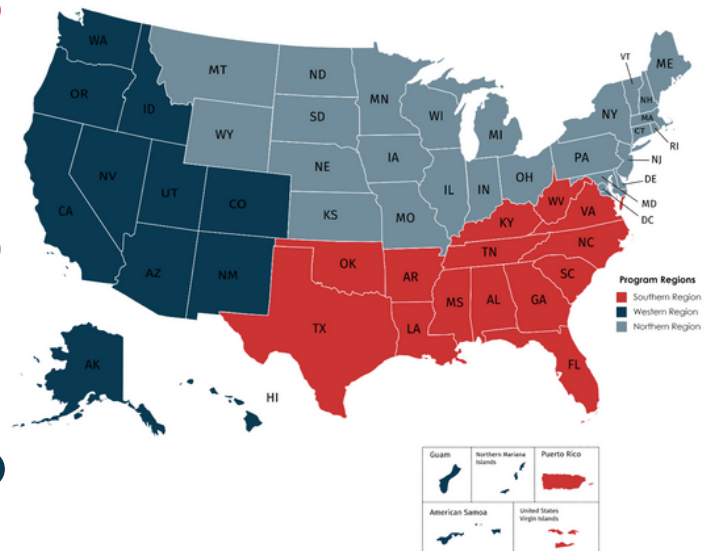
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AWARD LEADERSHIP

Forty four years have passed since Public Law 96-114, the Congressional Award Act, was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. The effort was led by the late Senator Malcolm Wallop (R-WY) and the late Representative James J. Howard (D-NJ) and has prospered as a bipartisan effort to recognize achievement and volunteerism in America's youth. During this past year, over 50,000 participants from all 50 states, in addition to multiple U.S. territories and overseas military bases, were actively working toward earning a Congressional Award. Over 4,000 new participants enrolled in the program. Since its inception, over 13 million hours of voluntary public service have been contributed to communities nationwide.

Each summer, youth from across the nation are honored in the US Capitol for earning Congress' highest award for civilian youth – the Congressional Award Gold Medal. Members of the House and Senate join the celebration to present Medals to their constituents and to meet with the family members and advisors who have supported them on their journeys. Throughout the year, additional events are held in Washington, DC and in various states across the nation where members of Congress participate to raise awareness and funding from the private sector. These sponsored events support the efforts of the Foundation to recognize youth in all 50 states and U.S. territories. The schedule of events is available from the National Office, which is located on Capitol Hill in the Ford House Office Building.

In our effort to better prepare this next generation of leaders, the Foundation has also worked to develop new initiatives this year, aiming to stoke passion for emerging industries and teach important skills for entering the workforce. Through partnerships with the private sector, the Foundation is creating tailored opportunities for young people that can open new doors in the areas of STEM, agriculture, finance, entrepreneurship, media, sustainability, health and wellness, environmental conservation, and more.

The Congressional Award relies on support from congressional offices, adult volunteers, partnering youth organizations, and corporate sponsors in order to deliver this unique and worthwhile congressional program to youth across the country. I encourage you to assist us in recognizing young Americans who are making a positive difference in our world.

We hope you will enjoy learning about some of our participants and our programming opportunities to get a better idea of the impact this program truly has in the life of a young person. As the only charity of the United States Congress, we continue to rely on our partners and supporters to deliver this unique and worthwhile congressional program to youth across the country.

Yours in service,



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Paxton K. Baker
Board Chairman



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erica W. Heyse'.

Erica Wheelan Heyse
National Director



1,545
AWARDS EARNED

132 BRONZE CERTIFICATES
82 SILVER CERTIFICATES
51 GOLD CERTIFICATES
477 BRONZE MEDALS
320 SILVER MEDALS
483 GOLD MEDALS



41,195
ACTIVE
PARTICIPANTS



423,074
HOURS OF
PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT



18
AVERAGE
AWARDEE
AGE



567,710
HOURS OF
PUBLIC SERVICE



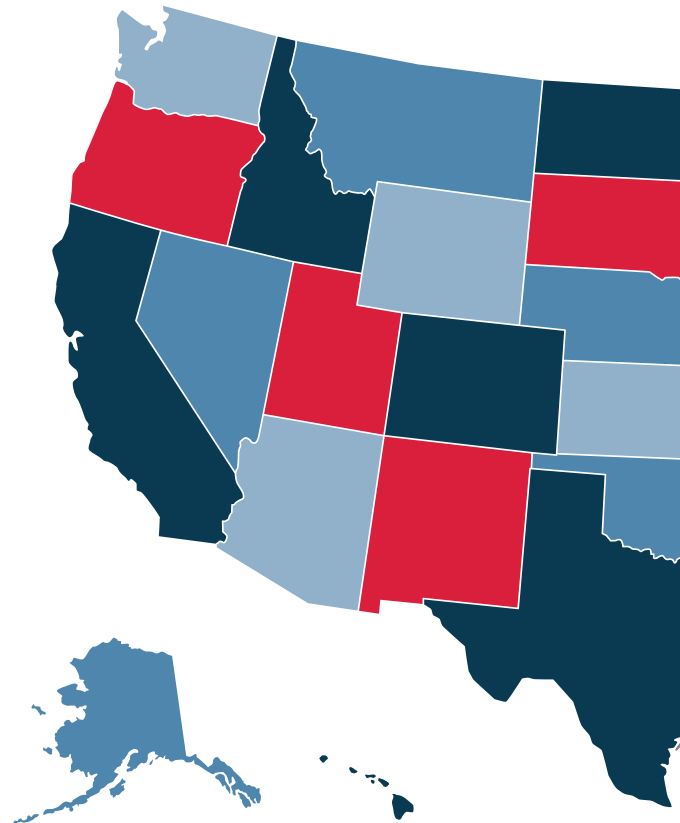
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HOURS OF
PHYSICAL
FITNESS



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NEW
REGISTRATIONS

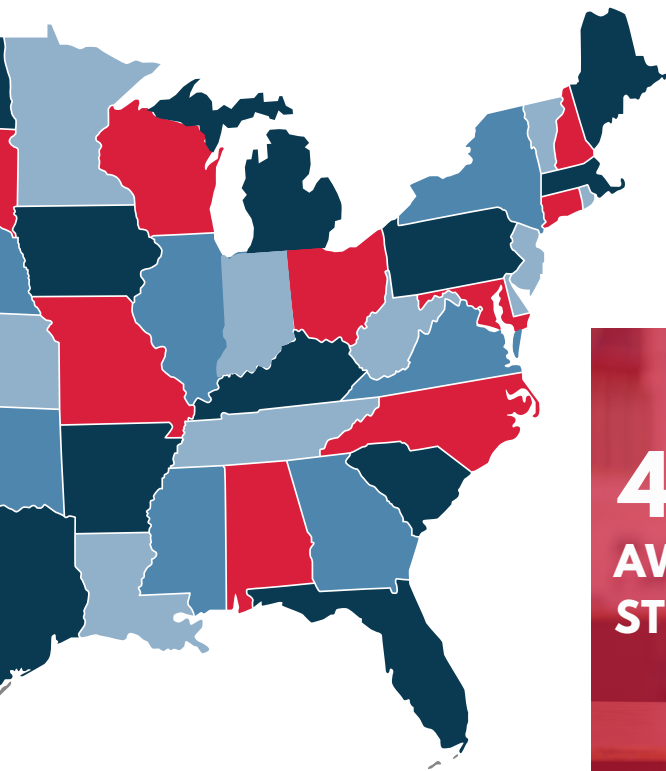


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STATES



2022

BY THE NUMBERS



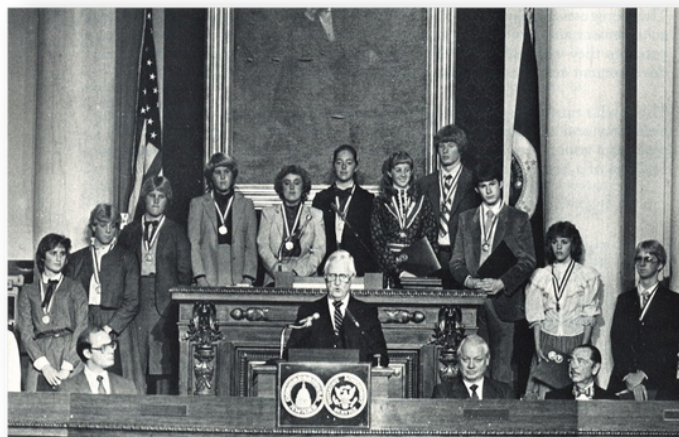




WHO WE ARE

THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD was established by the United States Congress on November 16, 1979, to recognize initiative, service, and achievement in young people. It began as a bipartisan effort in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. The original bill was sponsored by Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming and Congressman James Howard of New Jersey. The enabling legislation, Public Law 96-114 – The Congressional Award Act, established the Foundation as a private-public partnership, which receives all funding from the private sector. The legislation was originally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter and each succeeding President of the United States has continued the legislation.

**CONGRESS' ONLY CHARITY
AND HIGHEST CONGRESSIONAL
HONOR FOR YOUTH**



The program is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. Young people may register when they turn 13 1/2 years old and must complete their activities by their 24th birthday.

Through the Congressional Award program, the U.S. Congress challenges young Americans to challenge themselves and recognizes young people who set and achieve goals in four program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Exploration. Participants can earn Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award Medals.



Earning The Congressional Award is an exciting and enriching way to get involved in local communities. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, youth are honored for setting personally challenging goals and meeting needs in their community. The Congressional Award is the most comprehensive and flexible of its kind. There is no minimum grade point average requirement, it accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities, and participants complete their activities at their own pace.

The Congressional Award Foundation conducts an independent audit each fiscal year. Financial statements are available by request.

THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

**JANE KAMATA, 2022 GOLD MEDALIST
SAN ANTONIO, TX**

GOLD 

"Pursuing the Congressional Award Gold Medal taught me **the value of uplifting my community through service**, developing myself, and following through on long-term goals. I explored my interest in computer science, volunteered my time painting murals, advanced my yoga skills, and went on the first trip I planned entirely on my own. I overcame many challenges along the way and have discovered more about myself as I achieved my goals. **My journey to earn the Congressional Award has been worthwhile**, and I will forever be grateful for the opportunities it has opened up to me."



SILVER

**SUCHETA MAJUMDER SUNDARAM, 2022 SILVER MEDALIST
IRVINE, CA**

"I have been able to partake in wonderful experiences and take initiative in ways I never would have thought to do without engaging in The Congressional Award program. **I have learned about my own limitations and how to stretch them and go beyond what I ever had confidence in myself to do.** I have made connections and friends with people that will last a lifetime, and have deepened connections that I already had. I have learned a lot through the process and am very thankful that I seized this opportunity."

**PEYTON MACEJEWSKI, 2022 BRONZE MEDALIST
STORY, AR**

BRONZE 

"I have learned how to set attainable goals and how to make plans to achieve them. Similarly, I have gained organizational skills, along with an ability to be more independent. My community service hours have pushed me to be more involved in my community and have taught me to enjoy helping others, while my personal development hours have opened my eyes to a hobby that I will likely carry with me for the rest of my life. Last but not least, **my Congressional Award journey has given me the confidence that I can do anything I set my mind to, no matter what obstacles I face.**"



VOLUNTARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Sharing time and talents for
the benefit of others



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Pursuing a new interest or
advancing to another level in
an ongoing interest

PROGRAM AREAS



PHYSICAL FITNESS

Improving one's quality of life
through participation in
fitness activities



EXPLORATION

Immersion in an unfamiliar
environment or culture

EARN THE AWARD

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MEDALS

GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE

CERTIFICATES

GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE

SERVICE INITIATIVE ACHIEVEMENT





OUR SUPPORTERS

CORPORATE PARTNERS

For over four decades, The Congressional Award has brought together the private and public sectors to address critical issues and provide previously unreachable personal development opportunities for youth from ALL backgrounds and circumstances. Programming opportunities have included Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, STEM education, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, distracted driving, and mental and emotional health.

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COMMUNICATIONS




FORD MOTOR COMPANY FUND



GOLD



Good food. Responsibly.®



SILVER



BRONZE



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AWARD LEADERSHIP

A NOTE FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS



U.S. SENATOR JOE MANCHIN | BOARD MEMBER

"There is no greater reward than being able to give back to the community that made you who you are. The Congressional Award Foundation recognizes the efforts of young Americans who exemplify the best of our nation through their service to their community, state and nation. I was taught that if you can count your blessings you can share your blessings, and this organization ensures the next generation of Americans have great role models who have shared their blessings with everyone around them."



U.S. SENATOR CYNTHIA LUMMIS | BOARD MEMBER

"The Congressional Award has helped generations of young Americans dream big and achieve great goals. Be it through community service or personal development, participants learn valuable life lessons as they try things they didn't know they could do, and succeed at challenges they didn't think were attainable. I'm incredibly proud of Wyoming's role in establishing this incredible organization, and am honored to continue our legacy supporting the kids of today and leaders of tomorrow."



U.S. CONGRESSMAN RICHARD HUDSON | BOARD MEMBER

"The Congressional Award promotes public service and develops the next generation of leaders across our country. I am proud to serve as a board member and encourage others to participate in their own communities."



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN DEBBIE DINGELL | BOARD MEMBER

"The Congressional Award Program provides a great opportunity for young people to achieve challenging personal goals and build strong character. This Program is essential to personal and educational growth, and will create stability and inspire kids to work together and support each other, while engaging in community service and personal development."



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA JACKSON LEE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS LIAISON

"As a member of the Congressional Award Board and Co-Founder of the Children's Caucus, I remain a strong advocate for this program and have always encouraged Texas' youth and children across our nation to participate. Communities across our country have benefited from the thousands of volunteer hours that our youth have invested in earning this award. The Congressional Award program gives excellent opportunities to strengthen our youth and our nation."



U.S. CONGRESSMAN RITCHIE TORRES CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS LIAISON

"The Congressional Award Program has benefited countless young people across our country in their quest to become the next generation of leaders through public service. I am proud to support and advocate for a program that has proven to be an asset to community building and the personal development of so many young people. The Congressional Award Program is vital in strengthening communities today and molding leaders for tomorrow."

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



"A critical bedrock for a successful youth program is only formed when community members join together."

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A complete contact directory of Congressional Award Board Members is available [here](#).





EVENTS & INITIATIVES

PROGRAM EVENTS

Fiscal Year 2022

The Congressional Award aims to support students who are involved in different youth programming organizations through webinars and sponsored initiatives. These events allow students to connect with Members of Congress and subject-matter experts on the topics and extracurriculars they're interested in.

Boy Scouts Webinar

October 2021

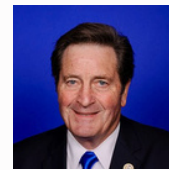
Provided Scouts the opportunity to learn more about our program and how their service with Scouts can easily translate to our program and launched our new Scouts BSA Toolkit.



Congressman
Pete Sessions
(TX-17)



Congressman
Sanford Bishop
(GA-02)



Congressman
John Garamendi
(CA-03)



Ainsley M.
2021 Gold Medalist
Eagle Scout

NCAA Student Athletes Mental Health Webinar

December 2021

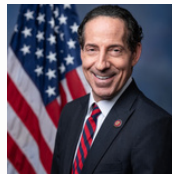
Provided students with the opportunity to obtain resources and toolkits surrounding mental and emotional health, as well as launched our new Student Athlete Mental Health Toolkit.



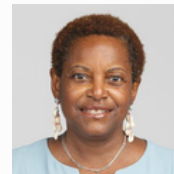
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Chief Medical Officer
NCAA



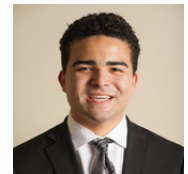
Congressman
Anthony Gonzalez
(OH-16)



Congressman
Jamie Raskin
(MD-08)



Dr. Stephany Coakley
Mental Health Athletic Dir.
Temple University



Fernando Miranda-Fred
2019 Gold Medalist
Division I Student Athlete

Esports Webinar

September 2022

Explored healthy habits, sleep, and physical fitness through video games. The toolkit also offers scholarship information for Esports gamers and tips on how to tie your gaming activities into earning your Congressional Award.



Congressman
Don Beyer
(VA-08)



Congresswoman
Stephanie Bice
(OK-05)



Congressman
Jay Obernolte
(CA-08)

NATIONAL EVENTS



Congressional Staff Webinar

January 2022

Event to introduce the 2022 Congressional Toolkit for House and Senate offices to learn how to engage with medalists (and potential future medalists) in every district.



Chiefs of Staff Poker Tournament

June 2022

This annual bipartisan event brings together Members of the House and Senate, business and civic leaders, and friends of The Foundation for a night of blinds & bluffs.

Annual Golf Classic

October 2022

This annual bipartisan event brings together current and former Members of Congress, Chiefs of Staff, corporate partners, and prominent guests like professional athletes and business and civic leaders to raise vital funds and awareness for the Foundation.



INITIATIVES

The Congressional Award National Office undertakes long-term campaigns to address challenges brought on by current events and highlights trends in our students' interests and engagements.

These campaigns can involve the creation of materials for participants through outside partners or the creation of additional programming for students who meet certain criteria through their activities.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The Congressional Award program was developed to provide a foundation for lifelong change and prosperity for young people. Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative works to identify barriers to economic opportunity and develop solutions that will empower young people from marginalized communities to achieve better life outcomes.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

The Congressional Award Foundation has partnered with **Intuit**, maker of **TurboTax**, **QuickBooks**, and **Mint**, to develop our first-ever personal finance program to help you own your financial future. Visit congressionalaward.org/intuit.



GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Congressional Award Foundation has partnered with **Bayer** to develop volunteer opportunities for Congressional Award participants to address food insecurity across the nation.



MENTAL HEALTH

The Congressional Award Foundation partnered with **Ford Motor Company Fund** to conduct free, interactive, virtual mental health workshops for young people in response to the impact on teens during the pandemic. Visit congressionalaward.org/mental-health-hub.



FORD MOTOR COMPANY FUND

MILITARY YOUTH

This initiative encourages military youth to start their journey and earn Congress' highest award for youth - provides participants, no matter where they live, with a structured, yet flexible, platform to achieve personal goals. Visit congressionalaward.org/military-youth.



STEM STARS

The Award gives special recognition to the participants who incorporate STEM-related activities when they earn their Award. The STEM Stars initiative encourages a passion for science, technology, engineering, and math in young people. This initiative exposes students to STEM-related topics and gives additional distinction to Medalists who incorporated at least one STEM activity into their Award. Visit congressionalaward.org/stem.

STUDENTS CONNECTING WITH SENIORS



Working with organizations such as Charter Communications and AARP, this initiative encourages youth to connect with older generations through various virtual programming opportunities. Visit congressionalaward.org/connectingseniors.

DIVERSITY AMBASSADORS

Alumni members who deliver our message to local communities and encourage youth to become servant leaders.

CAFÉ RADIO PODCAST



The Congressional Award Foundation and The DC Office of Cable Television Film, Music and Entertainment are pleased to present the second season of Café Radio Podcast, hosted this year in collaboration with Deanwood Radio Broadcast Youth Journalism, a DCPR youth program. Season 1 features conversations between DC students and Award alumni, taking a deep dive into the personal and professional journeys of former Awardees and how the Award impacted their career pathways. Listen at congressionalaward.org/podcast.

CAREER CENTER

Learn about internships and career opportunities from our partners, helpful one-pagers on marketing yourself to potential employers, alumni highlights, and insights from experts in the business community. Visit congressionalaward.org/careercenter.

ALUMNI NETWORK

This group is for any Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medalists of all ages to join and connect with one another. Visit congressionalaward.org/alumni.

LISTEN TO OUR PODCAST

with Award Alumni

CAFÉ RADIO PODCAST

INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO FUTURE CAREERS

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Host, Dr. MarTeze Hammonds

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD ADVISOR,
CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER AT PURDUE
UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE



Ep 1: Joshua Nelson

FOX NEWS REPORTER
FORMER AWARD BRONZE MEDALIST

FEATURE EPISODES



Ep 4: Victoria Willingham

ATTORNEY AT LYFT
FORMER AWARD GOLD MEDALIST

PRODUCED BY DC CABLE



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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Completed Transition from Paper to Online Record Books

Officially transitioned to the online record book submission website, Submittable. Now, participants can digitally save their progress, have digital signatures, submit online with faster approvals, and view their status online.

Extended COVID Accommodations to Keep Program Accessible

Participants can now submit Virtual Expeditions and Explorations with modified guidelines. This change allowed the program to reach more youth who may have faced obstacles with in-person Expedition/Exploration trips in the past.

Implemented Monthly Informational Workshops

These workshops provided an understanding of The Congressional Award program requirements and deadlines, how to effectively advise and mentor youths, along with common award application mistakes, helpful resources, award ceremonies, events, and more!

Introduced Digital Certificates

In our continued effort to “go digital” and reduce our carbon footprint, The Congressional Award now sends out approval letters and certificates digitally, allowing participants to access their approval documents quicker and easier, plus submit these for job/school applications more conveniently.





ANNUAL GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY

Each summer, Congress celebrates the hundreds of youth from across the nation who earned The Congressional Award Gold Medal, the pinnacle of the program. Gold Medalists and their families are invited to Capitol Hill for a once-in-a-lifetime recognition of their accomplishments. Members of Congress present the awards to their constituents at a distinguished ceremony, attended by corporate and civic leaders, media, and peers. These young people are truly America's most deserving youth, having dedicated hundreds of hours and at least two years to community service and personal goal-setting. More than 5,200 Gold Medals have been awarded since the program's founding in 1979.

GO FOR GOLD

HEAR FROM GOLD MEDALISTS

"In earning my Congressional Award Gold Medal, I was able to discover my talents and interests, take greater responsibility of my own life, and help serve my community. I volunteered for numerous organizations with the intent of improving students' academics in mathematics, science, and English. While I was volunteering, I deepened my passion for mathematics and neuroscience. Additionally, I was able to both mentally and physically strengthen myself with this program. I faced many challenges during my journey; however, I was able to overcome everything and fulfill my goals."




Kayra Akin, 2022 Gold Medalist
Orlando, FL | Orlando Science High School Class of 2023



"I didn't set out to earn a Gold Medal. I was just trying to do something good by volunteering some of my time and I wanted to set goals for myself around personal and physical development. Being named a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal was a really nice byproduct and I'm humbled to be recognized. I believe in the mission behind why Congress created the award in the first place, which is to encourage young people to take an active role in their communities and in the process see how far they can push themselves to grow and serve. The past couple of years have been very rewarding, but it's only the beginning. I intend to continue being a contributor to the community around me."

Christopher John, 2022 Gold Medalist
Franklin Lakes, NJ | Bates College Class of 2026

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REGIONAL & STATE CEREMONIES

Designed to elevate visibility of the program in a particular state or geographic area, both regional and statewide award ceremonies are held on a rotating basis each year. State partnerships are forged when members of the congressional delegation and corporate partners with a footprint in a state come together to strengthen the program and support local youth.

North Carolina Ceremony

February 2022

Smithfield

Good food. Responsibly.

Presented by our partners at **Smithfield Foods** and hosted by **Congressman Richard Hudson (NC-08)**, **Congresswoman Virginia Foxx (NC-05)**, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)**, and **Congressman David Rouzer (NC-07)**, the 2022 NC Statewide Ceremony recognized medalists from across the state for their dedication to serving their communities and bettering themselves.

Georgia Ceremony

June 2022



Presented by our partners at **Aflac** and hosted by **Congresswoman Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA-07)**, **Congressman Rick Allen (GA-12)**, **Congressman Barry Loudermilk (GA-11)**, the 2022 GA Statewide Ceremony recognized medalists from across the state for their dedication to serving their communities and bettering themselves.

Kentucky Ceremony

August 2022

Hosted by **Congressman John Yarmuth (KY-03)**, the 2022 KY Statewide Ceremony in Frankfort, KY recognized medalists from across the state for their dedication to serving their communities and bettering themselves. This was our first statewide ceremony to be held in-person since the onset of the pandemic.

Arkansas Ceremony

September 2022



Presented by our Global Sustainability Partner **Bayer**, participants across the state of Arkansas attended a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion in Little Rock, AR. Special guests and honorees included **Congressman French Hill (AR-02)**, former US Secretary of Transportation **Rodney Slater**, Governor **Asa Hutchinson**, and 4-H youth advisor **Martha Ray Sartor**.

Florida's 18th Congressional District

October 2022



Hosted by **Congressman Brian Mast (FL-18)**, participants from Florida's 18th Congressional District attended a ceremony this October in Stuart, Florida. This event was sponsored by **NextEra Energy**.

Interested in hosting a State or District Ceremony?

Contact Director of Partnerships & Corporate Engagement **Rachel Mallory** at mallory@congressionalaward.org.



**U.S. Senator Cory Booker in attendance at
a Gold Medal ceremony.**



CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT



Congressional Award

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@theaward

"The Congressional Award Foundation is instrumental in teaching and fostering the values that are critical to create the next generation of leaders."

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi



"Through the program, young Americans gain new skills, earn greater confidence, and position themselves to be productive citizens."

U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell

CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

The Congressional Award is promoted throughout the country by Members of Congress in the House and Senate who share with their constituents a unique opportunity to provide today's youth with the tools they need to thrive as adults. The program is a great opportunity to recognize young constituents and promote the goods works they have contributed to their community.

ENGAGE YOUTH CONSTITUENTS



COMMUNITY EVENTS



SCHOOLS



CAPITOL VISITS

PROMOTE LOCALLY & VISIT SCHOOLS

Leverage schools, non-profits, youth and service groups, and community leaders with a footprint in the Member's district to stimulate enrollment growth. Incorporate The Congressional Award into talking points at local forums, town hall meetings, banquets, site visits, etc.

ADD THE AWARD TO THE MEMBER'S WEBSITE

The Congressional Award operates as a constituent service in both the House and Senate. Include it under the youth, student opportunities, or constituent services pages. Please link to the website www.congressionalaward.org.

[Speaker Nancy Pelosi](#)

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