

American Youth Foundation Scholarship Award

2026

The American Youth Foundation Leadership Award was first offered in 1941 by businessman and philanthropist, William H. Danforth, who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service. Each year the American Youth Foundation offers every County 4-H program in the U.S. the opportunity to select two members for recognition as recipients of this Leadership Award.

In Waupaca County, club leaders nominate a young person who strives to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, 4-H clubs, or communities. Youth must have completed 9th grade or above during the previous project year (**and be between the ages of 15-18**). If a leader or parent would like to nominate their own child, please ask another leader to complete the nomination form. This is an award that may give a push or provide an incentive to stay involved and keep working to reach their goals. Besides receiving a book and certificate, recipients have the opportunity to be nominated for a partial scholarship from the American Youth Foundation to attend a Leadership Conference (for grades 10-12). The conference is a week-long leadership development program designed to build the leadership skills of young people and strengthen their commitment to developing their character. Young people come from throughout the nation and the world for this experience.

Nomination Form:

Nominee: _____ Grade during project year: _____

4-H Club: _____ Age during project year: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Nominated by: _____

Describe the leadership roles this nominee is currently filling. What are the contributions he/she is making to your club?

Describe what you would like to challenge this nominee to do.