

**NOMINATING MATERIALS FOR
THE GLORIA
BARRON PRIZE
FOR
YOUNG HEROES**

Celebrating today's young heroes

GOALS OF THE BARRON PRIZE

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Their leadership and courage make them true heroes—and inspirations to us all.

Each year, the Barron Prize selects ten winners nationwide. Half of the winners have focused on helping their communities and fellow beings; half have focused on protecting the health and sustainability of the environment.

These young people reflect the great diversity of America. They are female and male, urban and rural, and from many backgrounds. Examples are Michaella, who organized a rodeo for disabled kids; Carter, who led the effort to conserve a local river; Ashley, who created a scholarship fund for African girls; Kyle, who organized a reading mentorship program; Joying, who cleaned up South Carolina's beaches; Ryan, who helped provide clean drinking water to more than 70 African villages; and Barbara, who created a successful oil recycling project in Texas.

The goal of the Barron Prize is to celebrate such heroic young people—and to inspire others to do their part. Like the woman for whom the Prize was named—my mother, Gloria Barron—these young people demonstrate the power of one person to make a difference to the world.

T. A. BARRON

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National Geographic Education Foundation, Girl Scouts of the USA,
Earth Force, Roots & Shoots, the National Youth Leadership Council, and Youth Service America.*

**ANNUAL NOMINATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 30**

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The emblem of the Barron Prize is the glacier lily, a resilient flower that grows high in the Rocky Mountains. After an avalanche or severe storm, the glacier lily is the first plant to bring the land back to life. Though small and delicate, this flower stands tall, a symbol of courage, determination, and hope.

THE GLORIA BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Nominees must have been the prime mover of a service activity, and demonstrated positive spirit and high moral purpose in accomplishing their goals. Winners of the Barron Prize, who may range in age from 8 to 18 years old, each receive \$2,500 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project. Nominations can be made by responsible adults who have solid knowledge of a young person's heroic activities, and who are not related to the nominee.

1. **Winners must have organized and led a truly extraordinary service activity which has clearly benefited other people, our fellow creatures, or the planet we share.**
2. **The winner's service activity must have been initiated and motivated primarily by the winner himself or herself. While outside help may have been obtained, the activity must be primarily the winner's own creation. The service activity cannot have been done solely to complete an assignment for school or work.**
3. **Winners must have clearly demonstrated positive spirit, courage, intelligence, generosity, and high moral purpose.**
4. **Winners must have accomplished something with inspirational value—something that could inspire others to make a difference.**
5. **Winners must have shown initiative, tenacity, and unselfishness in pursuit of their goals.**
6. **Winners must have done more than survive a difficult personal challenge. Their heroism must have made an impact on the world beyond themselves.**
7. **Winners may or may not have received any recognition for their heroic work. But fame itself shall not have been a motivating factor.**
8. **Winners must be no younger than eight and no older than eighteen years on the nomination deadline.**
9. **Winners must have participated in their heroic work within the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline of April 30.**
10. **Winners must be legal residents of and currently residing in the U.S.A. or Canada.**
11. **Winners must be nominated as individuals. The Barron Prize cannot accept nominations from groups of young people.**
12. **Winners must be nominated by an adult who is familiar with the young person's service activity (teacher or librarian, school counselor, youth service official, religious leader, or the like). Members of the young person's family may not submit nominations nor letters of reference.**

TIMING

By April 30:	NOMINATION DEADLINE The Prize must receive completed nomination materials.
By July 1:	The Prize will notify nominees that materials have been processed.
By September 30:	The Prize will announce winners.

Barron Prize winners are selected by a group of judges who have extensive experience with education and youth service. The judges' task is to select the most inspiring examples of heroism by young people who meet the Barron Prize criteria. The Prize is extremely grateful to its judges, national partners, and national advisory board.

The Barron Prize does not discriminate against its applicants based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

By submitting an entry in the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, each entrant acknowledges reading and understanding all the selection criteria and nomination requirements published on the Prize's website and agrees to observe them. Further, each entrant acknowledges and agrees that as a condition of receiving the Prize, the selected individual will cooperate in publicizing the Barron Prize and will grant rights in the entrant's nomination materials to the Barron Prize.

**Questions? Check the "Frequently Asked Questions" page of the Barron Prize website.
Or email: ba_richman@barronprize.org**

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THE GLORIA BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES NOMINATION FORM

Completed nomination materials should be submitted in one packet that contains the following six items, in this order:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Completed nomination form
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Letter from the nominator
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Letter/essay from the young person being nominated | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Completed reference letter form
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Three corresponding reference letters
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Three different color photos of the nominee & his/her work |
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PLEASE ALSO NOTE:

- *The Prize welcomes additional visual materials (such as articles or videos) that will enhance the judges' understanding of the project.
- *Completed nominations should not exceed 20 pages, double-sided.
- *The Prize accepts nominations via US Postal Service, FedEx or UPS. The Prize cannot accept nominations via fax or email.
- *When the Prize deadline falls on a weekend, nomination materials must arrive by 5 pm (MDT) next business day.
- *Nomination materials are considered public information once submitted, so should not include private or privileged information.
- *Nomination materials will not be returned.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE NUMBER	PARENT(S) WORK PHONE NUMBER	CELLULAR PHONE NUMBER
DATE OF BIRTH	AGE ON APRIL 30 DEADLINE	GENDER
NOMINEE'S EMAIL ADDRESS (OR FAMILY'S)	PROJECT WEBSITE ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)	
PROJECT TITLE & ONE LINE SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:		
HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE BARRON PRIZE? (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.)		

NOMINEE'S SCHOOL INFORMATION

NAME OF SCHOOL NOMINEE IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING	CURRENT GRADE IN SCHOOL
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL	TITLE/POSITION EMAIL ADDRESS
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP CODE
WORK PHONE NUMBER	HOME PHONE NUMBER FAX NUMBER
HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE BARRON PRIZE? (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.)	

SUMMER INFORMATION

(IF THE NOMINEE OR NOMINATOR HAS DIFFERENT CONTACT INFORMATION DURING THE SUMMER, PLEASE INCLUDE HERE.)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
SUMMER MAILING ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP CODE
SUMMER PHONE NUMBER	SUMMER FAX NUMBER SUMMER EMAIL

Completed nominations must be **RECEIVED** (not postmarked) by **APRIL 30**.

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**THE GLORIA BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES
LETTER FROM THE NOMINATOR**

Nominator: _____

Name of the Young Person Being Nominated: _____

Nominator:

Please TYPE OR PRINT your letter, which must address the following five questions.
Your letter should not exceed a total of 1,500 words.

- a) What is the relationship between the nominator and the young person who is being nominated?
- b) What service activity did the young person perform?
- c) What was the young person's specific leadership role in that activity?
- d) What obstacles and/or challenges did the young person overcome while leading this service activity?
- e) What were the verifiable results of the young person's service activity?

**THE GLORIA BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES
LETTER/ESSAY FROM THE YOUNG PERSON BEING NOMINATED**

Name of the Young Person Being Nominated: _____

Nominator: _____

Nominee:

1. Please TYPE OR PRINT a short summary of the service project for which you are being nominated. Your summary should not exceed 250 words.

2. Please TYPE OR PRINT your letter/essay, which must address the following three questions. Your letter/essay should not exceed 1,500 words.
 - a) What inspired you to organize this service activity?
 - b) What did you hope to accomplish by leading this service activity, and what did you actually accomplish? If the two are different, then why?
 - c) What have you learned from the experience—both about yourself and about the world?

THE GLORIA BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES REFERENCE LETTER FORM

Nominations must include three additional letters of recommendation from references who can verify the young person's service achievements. Please list references below and attach their letters of recommendation. Also, please inform them that they may be contacted by the Prize.

FIRST REFERENCE

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME		
ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL	TITLE/POSITION	EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
WORK PHONE NUMBER	HOME PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	
DESCRIBE IN WHAT CAPACITY YOU KNOW THE NOMINEE		AND FOR APPROXIMATELY HOW LONG?	

SUMMER CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

SUMMER MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SUMMER PHONE NUMBER	SUMMER FAX NUMBER	SUMMER EMAIL	

SECOND REFERENCE

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME		
ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL	TITLE/POSITION	EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
WORK PHONE NUMBER	HOME PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	
DESCRIBE IN WHAT CAPACITY YOU KNOW THE NOMINEE		AND FOR APPROXIMATELY HOW LONG?	

SUMMER CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

SUMMER MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SUMMER PHONE NUMBER	SUMMER FAX NUMBER	SUMMER EMAIL	

THIRD REFERENCE

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME		
ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL	TITLE/POSITION	EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
WORK PHONE NUMBER	HOME PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	
DESCRIBE IN WHAT CAPACITY YOU KNOW THE NOMINEE		AND FOR APPROXIMATELY HOW LONG?	

SUMMER CONTACT INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

SUMMER MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SUMMER PHONE NUMBER	SUMMER FAX NUMBER	SUMMER EMAIL	