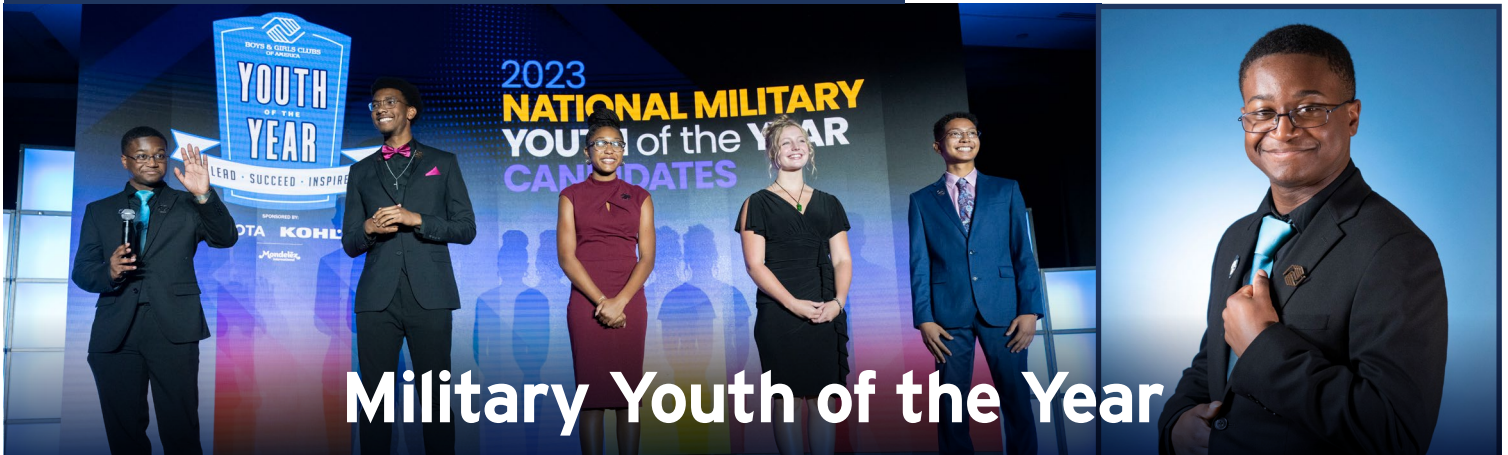




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Military Youth of the Year

For three decades, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America have partnered with the Defense Department to provide nationally recognized programs and resources for thousands of military youth around the world.

Background

Since 1947, Youth of the Year has been Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating club members' extraordinary achievements. Each year, one exceptional club member is selected to be the National Youth of the Year. This person serves as an exemplary ambassador for Boys & Girls Club youth and as a strong voice for all of our nation's young people.

Boys & Girls Clubs introduced the Military Youth of the Year distinction to recognize outstanding teens served at BGCA-affiliated youth centers on U.S. military installations through a partnership with the armed services. Military Youth of the Year has highlighted the hard work and dedication of military-connected teens for more than 10 years.

2023 Military Youth of the Year Xavier B., from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, discovered his sense of service through his youth center: "The opportunities and skills I have gained since becoming a member of my youth center have helped me realize how vital volunteerism and supporting your community are."

Highlights

- State Military Youth of the Year winners each receive a \$2,500 scholarship and participate in regional competitions. Six regional Military Youth of the Year winners each receive \$20,000 (for a total award of \$22,500 from the state and regional levels).
- The National Military Youth of the Year winner will receive \$20,000 (for a total award of \$42,500 from the state, regional and national levels).

- The National Military Youth of the Year serves a one-year term as the military youth spokesperson for the Defense Department, the military services and the Boys & Girls Clubs.
- The winner of the National Military Youth of the Year also goes on to compete in the Boys & Girls Clubs' National Youth of the Year competition.
- The National Youth of the Year receives a \$25,000 scholarship, renewable for four years up to \$100,000.
- Contact your installation youth center for more information, application deadlines and state event dates at: <https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/search?program-service=31/view-by=ALL>.

Data

Installation youth centers are available to all military-connected children, youth and teens. Youth centers on military installations currently serve 390,000 military children and offer many of the same club programs as traditional clubs. Teens should contact their installation youth center at: <https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/search?program-service=31/view-by=ALL>. The military partnership makes up 10% of the Boys & Girls Clubs' affiliation.

Since 2003, the Boys & Girls Clubs have provided millions of dollars in resources, support, grants and scholarships to military youth and youth programs.

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