2027 Ten Outstanding Young Americans Nominee Information

Program Overview:

The Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA) program serves to recognize up to ten individuals between the ages of 18 and 40 who exemplify the best attributes of the nation's young people. Nominations are received in each of the ten categories listed below.

Honorees selected in past years have represented the heights of progress in all human endeavors. Many have gone on to even greater achievements. All have continued to serve humanity in a great variety of ways.

JCI USA honors the Ten Outstanding Young Americans each year at the TOYA Ceremony during the JCI USA Annual Meeting held in the fall. The ceremony will highlight each winner's career in narrative form and provide a stage from which the honorees can challenge and inspire young people from around the world. For each honoree, there will be a video presentation profiling his/her accomplishments, followed by the trophy presentation, and an acceptance speech.

2027 Banquet and Ceremony
October 2nd, 2027
Embassy Suites Grand Rapids Downtown
Grand Rapids, MI

Young men and women may be nominated in one of the following ten categories for the TOYA honor. A national panel of distinguished judges will select honorees. Up to ten top honorees will be selected from all nominations received, regardless of category entered.

Nomination Categories:

- Business, economic, and/or entrepreneurial accomplishment
- Political, legal, and/or governmental affairs
- Academic leadership and/or accomplishment
- Cultural achievement
- Moral and/or environmental leadership
- Contribution to children, world peace, and/or human rights
- Humanitarian and/or voluntary leadership
- Scientific and/or technological development
- Personal improvement and/or accomplishment
- Medical innovation

JCI USA will provide each TOYA honoree:

- Two complimentary TOYA Banquet and Ceremony tickets
- Single room hotel accommodations for up to 3 days/2 nights
- One domestic economy airline ticket to the JCI USA Annual Meeting

Program Rules:

- Nominees must be between the ages of 18 and 40 (inclusive) on the date of the ceremony.
- The nominee must be a native-born or naturalized citizen of the United States or must have applied for citizenship by January 1 of the preceding year.
- The nominee may not be a current member of the JCI Board of Directors at the international or national level.
- The nominee may not be a paid staff member of JCI USA.
- The nominee must be entered in one of the ten categories listed on this form. Each nominee may be nominated in only one category.
- The nominee or nominee's official representative (e.g. agent, publicist, or staff person) must sign the official nomination form attesting to all facts contained in the form and granting permission for publication of these facts.
- By signing this form, the nominee also indicates willingness to attend the TOYA Awards Ceremony on October 2nd, 2027, barring extreme circumstances.
- By signing this form, the nominee (or official representative) agrees that if selected as an honoree, to communicate with TOYA Program Managers and provide information for the awards ceremony.
- All information must be contained on the pages of this official form. No attachments of any kind are allowed. Scrapbooks, audiotapes, etc. CANNOT be used in the judging process. If a candidate is selected as one of the honorees, however, these items may be requested by JCI USA.
- Nomination forms must be received by March 31, 2027 11:59 PM ET either by this form, or completed form in PDF format.
- All questions on the nomination form MUST be answered. Incomplete nomination forms are subject to disqualification.
- Nomination forms will only be accepted in English.
- Nominees must be willing to promote the ideals of JCI USA for the year after winning the award.
- Nominees must be willing to allow JCI USA to use their name, image, and submission information in current and/or future communication and promotion of the TOYA program.

This nomination form is only valid for 2027 TOYA program consideration. Please email the completed form with a *headshot and resume* to toya@jciusa.org.

Confirmation:

By checking this box, you certify that you have read and agree to the above: ☐

Relationship to Nominee:

☐ Self (I was nominated)

☐ A Representative (I am filling out this form to complete a nomination for someone else)

SECTION 1: Representative Information (skip to section 2 if you are filling out this form on your own behalf)

Your Full Name	
Relationship to Nominee (publicist, agent, family member, etc.)	
Your Email Address	
Your Phone Number	
Are you submitting this form on behalf of a JCI organization?	Yes ☐ No ☐
Organization, State, & State President (if applicable)	

SECTION 2: Nominee Information

Nomination Category	Medical innovation
Nominee Full Name	
Title	
Occupation	
Email Address (for nominee or designated contact)	

SECTION 3: Life Achievements

Education: Describe the nominee's education, including degrees earned, academic honors, etc.

Published Works: List any important published works and a brief description of each. If none, indicate "None".

Career Timeline: Outline the timeline of the nominee's career or field of activity.

Achievements & Challenges: Describe the exceptional achievements of the nominee, and/or the challenges overcome to achieve them.

Jaycee Creed Alignment: Explain how the nominee exemplifies the principle expressed in the following line of the Jaycee Creed, “That service to humanity is the best work of life.”

Accolades: List important awards and honors the nominee received that illustrates his/her achievements. Include a brief description of each.

In the Words of Others – Quotes & Testimonials: List any quotes from colleagues that illustrate the achievements and beliefs of the nominee. If none, indicate "None."

SECTION 4: Attestation (skip to section 5 if you are filling out this form on your own behalf)

By checking this box, I agree that by submitting this nomination, I have permission from the nominee to submit them for consideration for the JCI USA Ten Outstanding Young Americans award. ☐

Representative Signature:

SECTION 5: Nominee Information (to be provided by the nominee)

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Mailing Address	
Primary Contact Phone Number	
If you would like JCI USA to work with an alternate contact such as an agent, publicist, or family member, please enter their information below:	
Alternate Contact Name	
Alternate Contact Phone & Email	

LinkedIn or Virtual Resume/CV: Enter the nominee's Linkedin profile URL here. If they do not have a Linkedin profile, you may specify a link to their website here.

Biography: Please provide a couple paragraphs to be used as a biography in announcement materials and in the TOYA event program booklet. This should include your home location and a description of your projects and accolades. A good length would be around 300 to 500 words.

SECTION 6: Attestation (to be completed by the nominee)

☐ **I attest to the following:**

I attest to all the facts contained in my nomination form and give permission for the facts to be used for publication. If selected as a TOYA Honoree, I understand that, barring extreme circumstances, I am required to be present for the TOYA Ceremony and activities at this year's JCI USA National Meeting to be held September 28th-October 3rd, 2027. In the event that circumstances prevent my attendance, I must present the conditions to JCI USA for a decision on the continued eligibility for my nomination. I agree to promote the ideals of JCI USA for the year after receiving the award. I also agree that JCI USA has permission to use my name, image, and submission information in current and/or future communications and promotion of the TOYA program.

Nominee Signature: