
Online Form Submittal: City of Fort Pierce Youth Award Recognition Program

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City of Fort Pierce Youth Award Recognition Program

Youth Award Recognition Program Overview

Overview

As our communities are committed to providing different outlets and opportunities, this award recognition program will showcase talents, celebrate achievements, and highlight the positive impact of the efforts of our local youth. Youth, who have performed above and beyond and excelled in the following categories:

1. Innovator Award
2. Beyond the View
3. Humanitarian Award
4. Visionary Award
5. Role Model Award
6. Student-Athlete Award

The Youth Award Recognition will be awarded to youth who have shown exceptional achievements and have been identified as being clearly outstanding.

Requests for Nominations

Area Schools, sports organizations, youth organizations, faith-based organizations, service clubs, community organizations, parents, business owners, or others who know a young person who deserves to be recognized for their outstanding achievements are requested to submit nominations using the nomination form. Nominations must contain details and examples with supporting documentation of

the achievements and activities of the nominated youth as well as evidence of compliance with eligibility, general and specific criteria established in the award guidelines. Winners are selected based on a recommendation by the evaluation committee. The evaluation committee is comprised of the City of Fort Pierce Youth Council. The awards will be presented in June and December of the current year.

Individuals and organizations are requested to submit nominations via the online nomination form no later than the published deadline. For further details on the nomination process contact Audria Moore at amoore@cityoffortpierce.com or call 772.467.3184.

The City of Fort Pierce reserves the right to accept or reject any nomination or to cancel the nomination process and reject all nominations, at any time prior to presenting the awards.

Award Guidelines

Eligibility

- Nominees must reside in the City of Fort Pierce.
- Nominees must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- Nominees must be in middle or high school.
- Nominees' parents or guardians must provide proof of address.
- Nominees must be of good character.
- Nominees' qualifications must meet the award eligibility criteria.

Click Continue below to complete the Youth Award Recognition Nomination Form on the next page.

Youth Award Recognition Nomination Form

NOMINEE

First Name	Robert
Last Name	Funches
School	Creative Arts Academy
Grade Level	8
Phone Number	(772) 882 - 8257

Gender	Male
Address1	744 WORLINGTON LN
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	FORT PIERCE
State	FL
Zip	34947
Email Address	VivaLaJean@gmail.com

PERSON NOMINATING

First Name	Krystle
Last Name	Funches-Jean
Organization/Title	Funches Foundation Empowerment Project
Relation to Nominee	Mother
Email Address	KFunchesJean@
Phone Number	7862195903

AWARD CATEGORIES

- INNOVATOR AWARD***
Recognizes youth who have shown excellence in the fields of math and science through research, study, or improvement in their community.
- BEYOND THE VIEW***
Recognizes youth who have different accommodations and needs that should be viewed just as normally as anyone else.
- HUMANITARIAN AWARD***
Recognizes youth who have put forth efforts to make their community a better place or are active in local or state government.
- VISIONARY AWARD***
Recognizes youth who have turned creativity and knowledge into an entrepreneurial or economic venture.
- ROLE MODEL AWARD***
Recognizes youth who lend a helping hand to peers and younger youth in their community.

STUDENT ATHLETE AWARD

Recognizes students who show excellence in the classroom through behavior and maintaining grades while also being an athlete.

Award Categories

STUDENT ATHLETE AWARD

To the Nominator: Please comment on the applicant’s background, experiences, community involvement, and leadership ability based on the category the youth is being nominated for that will help the review committee evaluate this individual. Please include a letter of recommendation, photographs and/or videos, and other letters of support.

Why are you nominating this individual for an award?

I am nominating my son because he exemplifies what it means to be a true student athlete. He is determined, focused, and consistently committed to excellence both on and off the field. Since moving to St. Lucie County, he has quickly established himself as a leader among his peers, bringing positivity, discipline, and a strong work ethic to every team he joins. His dedication to balancing academics and athletics, along with his ability to motivate and uplift others, makes him an outstanding candidate for this award.

How has the nominee displayed outstanding performance in the award category for which they are nominated?

He has demonstrated exceptional athletic performance through his relentless drive to improve, his discipline during training, and his ability to consistently show up for his teammates. His coaches frequently commend his leadership, sportsmanship, and ability to set the tone for the team—whether by working harder, encouraging others, or stepping up when challenges arise. He gives 100% effort in every practice and every game, and his determination reflects his deep commitment to both personal growth and team success. His performance is not just measured in physical skill, but in character, leadership, and perseverance.

Please list any extracurricular activities that the nominee participates in (volunteer, work, sports, church, etc.) that relates to the category for which they are nominated.

He has participated in multiple athletic programs since arriving in St. Lucie County, including:
Fire Hawks football, Co-ed Flag and 7 on 7 Football, CAST basketball, Track hawk track team, and is an award-winning swimmer. He was starter on the 8th grade basketball team, leading his team in warmups and motivating them through tough games.

Is there anything else about this nominee that should be taken into consideration?

Beyond his athletic abilities, he is a young man of exceptional character. His respect for others, strong sense of responsibility, and natural leadership are evident in everything he does. One of the clearest reflections of his maturity is the loving care he shows his special-needs sister. He plays a significant role in her daily caregiving, offering patience, support, and compassion far beyond what is expected of someone his age. His commitment to her well-being demonstrates not only his

heart, but also his deep sense of family responsibility.

Despite the challenges of transitioning to a new community, he has embraced every opportunity with resilience and a positive spirit. He takes pride in representing his school and his teams, and he consistently makes choices rooted in integrity and leadership. His passion for athletics is matched by his dedication to being a role model within our family, at school, and throughout the wider community.

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Attach photographs [Untitled design\(9\).png](#)

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Attach other supporting documents *Field not completed.*

If you choose to provide information through any form on this site, unless specifically exempted by Florida Statutes, such information is a public record under Florida's Government in the Sunshine Laws and available for public inspection upon demand.

Nominator Signature Krystle Funches

Date 3/4/2026

By signing this application electronically, you certify that all of the information you have submitted as a part of this application process is true, complete, and accurate to the best of your knowledge and that you have read and understand the following materials: Youth Award Recognition Program and Form

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
MARCH 31, 2026.**

Please note that you can also send the completed nomination form and letter of recommendation by email or USPS as follows:

<i>Email:</i>	<i>amoore@cityoffortpierce.com</i>
<i>Mail:</i>	<i>Audria Moore Fort Pierce City Hall</i>

*100 North US Hwy 1
Fort Pierce, FL 34950*

For additional assistance, please call Audria Moore at 772-467-3184.

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To: Dear Youth Award Nomination Committee
Letter of Recommendation
For: Robert Shorter Funches

It is my pleasure to recommend Robert Funches for recognition in the Student-Athlete category. As his mentor, I have had the privilege of watching Robert grow into a remarkable young man whose character, leadership, and dedication extend far beyond athletics.

Robert is an exceptionally driven student-athlete who approaches every challenge with focus, determination, and humility. His work ethic is unmatched; whether on the field, court, track, or in the pool, he consistently gives his full effort and sets an example for peers to follow. His ability to adapt and excel across multiple sports—including football, track, award-winning swimming, and most recently basketball, where he earned a position on the A-Team—is a testament to his discipline and natural athletic talent.

However, what truly distinguishes Robert is his character. He is a respectful, responsible, and grounded young man who leads with kindness and integrity. His coaches and teammates often look to him for encouragement, guidance, and positivity. He brings maturity and accountability to every environment he is a part of.

One of Robert's most admirable qualities is the love and care he shows his special-needs sister. He plays a meaningful role in her daily support, demonstrating extraordinary patience, compassion, and responsibility. The maturity he displays in this caregiving role far surpasses his age and speaks volumes about the depth of his character. The same heart he brings to his family is reflected in how he treats peers, teammates, and members of the community.

Since moving to St. Lucie County, Robert has embraced every opportunity with resilience and optimism. He has integrated into new teams, welcomed new challenges, and continued to rise as a leader among his peers. He takes pride in representing his school and carries himself with a quiet confidence that inspires others.

Robert is not only an impressive athlete—he is an exceptional young man who embodies leadership, empathy, and integrity. I am confident that he will continue to make a positive impact wherever he goes, and I wholeheartedly support his nomination for this award. Please feel free to contact me if further information is needed.

Sincerely,
Yves Jean