

The Southwestern Diocese Sunday School & HYM Congress

*Rhetta Jacob
Junior Youth of the Year Award*

~ Making Disciples for Christ ~

The Southwestern Diocese Sunday School & HYM Congress is committed to investing in the lives of our young people. It is our goal to encourage our young people in every area... spiritual growth, community involvement, and excellence in education.

Middle School or Junior High School

I. Criteria for Submission

This recognition is provided yearly to a young person of our diocese that is currently enrolled in a middle or junior high school. Recipient of this award may renew until he/she is named Jr. Youth of the Year on the Diocese level.

In order to apply for this award, applicant must meet **all** of the following requirements at the time of submission:

- Must be an active member of a church within in the SW Diocese;
- Must be an active member of the local Sunday School and/or HYM;
- Must have completed 1 year of a middle school or junior high school;
 - (Applicant will be judged on the basis of their school's set-up. Example: If your school is named AMC Middle School or AMC Jr. High School.)
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above;
- ALL sections of this application & supporting documents must be typed, with the exception of original signatures

II. Recognition & Judging Criteria for Award

A. DOCUMENTATION: Applicant must present the following:

(Letters of Recommendations must be current year and typed)

- Copy of Final Report Card *(last ending school year)* (5 pts)
- Letter of Recommendation from Sunday School Superintendent (5pts)
- Letter of Recommendation from H.Y.M. Group Leader (5 pts) ***A recommendation from an auxiliary head may be submitted **only** if an HYM is not established***
- Letter of Recommendation from Pastor (5 pts)
- Letter of Recommendation from a teacher or school official *(Principal or Guidance Counselor)* (5 pts)
all letters must contain an original signature

TOTAL OF 25 POINTS

B. ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Applicants must list their accomplishments, i.e., activity, participation, offices held and/or awards in the following areas *(during school middle/junior high school years only)*: **Separate categories with dividers. Provide a captioned artifact for each accomplishment.**

- Church involvement: 2 pts per activity and artifact (10 pts max)
- Honors and Awards: 1 pt. per activity and artifact (5 pts max)
- Extracurricular Activities: 1 pt. per activity and artifact (5 pts max)
- Community Involvement: (1 pt. per activity and artifact 5 pts)
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TOTAL OF 25 POINTS maximum

C. ESSAY:

- Content (10 pts) essay is related to topic, has well organized thoughts, and provides compelling support to the thesis
- Shall not be less than 100 words but not exceed 150 words (5 pts)
- Grammar/Punctuation (5 pts) 1 pt. deducted per error
- Double Spaced/Typed (5 pts) 12 pt font, Times New Roman, 1' margin, header containing name and page number

Topic: **"How Will I Bring Christ to My Generation?"**

TOTAL OF 25 POINTS

D. INTERVIEW: Each applicant must be interviewed in person by the local church committee, District Youth of the Year Committee, and Diocese Youth of the Year Committee. See rubric

TOTAL OF 25 POINTS Maximum

The Rhetta Jacob Junior Youth of the Year Recognition Award Application

Applicant's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Area Code) Number Month/Day/Year

Middle School Name: _____

(OR)

Junior High School Name: _____

I understand that in order to be considered for this award, I must meet the set criteria for submission outlined on page 2. With my signature I commit to continue to be a life-long learner and commit spiritually to participate in the ministry of Christ.

Additionally, if I am selected as the Rhetta Jacob Junior Youth of the Year Winner, I understand and agree to submit a letter of how the monetary award was used and how I have continued to be a deserving winner. I understand that I must prepare this letter and read it at the following diocese convention.

Therefore I submit the following application with the confident that I have met both the criteria and agree to the statements set forth in the application.

Applicant's Signature

Date

District SS & HYM Congress President's Signature
(Only required if applicant advances to Diocese level)

Date

CHECKLIST

(To be completed by Judges)

I. Criteria for Submission

This section should not be used for judging. This section is only to determine eligibility of the applicant.

Is the applicant an active member of the local church? _____

Is the applicant an active member of the local Sunday school and/or HYM? _____

Has the applicant completed 1 full year of middle school or junior high school? _____

Is the applicant's GPA 3.0 or above _____

SCORING

(To be completed by Judges)

The score value indicated in each section represents the maximum points possibly received in that particular category.

II. Recognition & Judging Criteria

Section A - Documentation (Maximum of 25 Points)

Report Card _____ (5 Points)

Letter of recommendation from Superintendent _____ (5 points)

Letter of recommendation from HYM Group Leader or _____ (5 Points)

Letter of recommendation from the Pastor _____ (5 points)

Letter from teacher or school official _____ (5 Points)

DOCUMENTATION SCORE _____

Section B - ACCOMPLISHMENTS
(Maximum of 25 Points)

Please list

Church Involvement (10 Points)

Total Church Involvement _____

Extracurricular Activities (5 Points)

Total Extracurricular _____

Honors/Awards (5 Points)

Total Honors/Awards _____

Community Involvement (5 Points)

Total Community Involvement _____

Section C - ESSAY
(Maximum of 25 Points)

Content _____ **(10 Points)**

Essay Word Count _____ **(5 Points)** *Points deducted if essay does not reach 100 words or exceed 150 words.*

Punctuation/Grammar _____ **(5 Points)**

Double Spaced/Typed _____ **(5 Points)**

ESSAY SCORE _____

Section D - INTERVIEW
(Maximum of 25 Points)

Interview

Speaking _____

Expression _____

Body Language _____

Eye Contact _____

Professional Dress _____

INTERVIEW SCORE _____

OVERALL SCORE _____