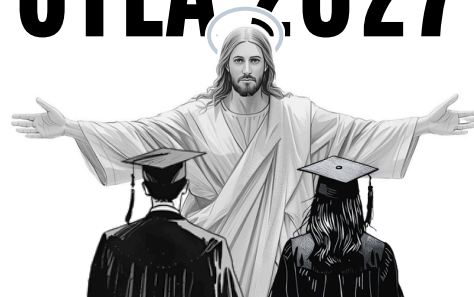




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CYLA 2027



2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

ABOUT US

The **Catholic Youth Leadership Award** was established in 1959 by the **Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus**. The purpose was to identify and recognize those high school seniors who demonstrate outstanding leadership in their churches, schools, and communities. **Only practical Catholics are eligible to apply.**

THE DEETS

- **2 DIVISIONS** - MALE AND FEMALE.
- **COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION.**
- **LOCAL COUNCIL SELECTS A WINNER** IN EACH DIVISION.
- **STATE COUNCIL SELECTS THE TOP 5** IN EACH DIVISION FROM COUNCIL WINNERS.
- **TOP 5 IN EACH DIVISION** COMPETE FOR CASH PRIZES IN THE STATE CYLA FINALS.

AWARDS IN EACH DIVISION

COUNCIL LEVEL

VARIES BY COUNCIL

STATE LEVEL

- 1ST PLACE: \$5,000*
- 2ND PLACE: \$3,000
- 3RD PLACE: \$2,000
- 4TH PLACE: \$1,000
- 5TH PLACE: \$1,000

* **First place male and female** will also receive a plaque and be honored at the Knights of Columbus State Convention in Baton Rouge.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ **Nov 1, 2026** Student online submission opens
- ✓ **Jan 25, 2027** Student online submission closes
- ✓ **Feb 7, 2027** Council winner submission due
- ✓ **Apr 3, 2027** CYLA Finals in Baton Rouge

MORE INFORMATION

 **DELMAS FORBES** CYLA Chairman

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SCAN TO APPLY ONLINE



Questions?

Parents or guardians, contact **Delmas Forbes** at (225) 939-2980 or cyla@louisianakc.org.

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2026-2027 THE PROCESS

STEP 1 - APPLY

- ✓ Senior high school students who are Practical Catholics, log on to **louisianakc.org**, the Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus website, in the menu, click **For Members**, then **Programs**, then **CYLA**.
- ✓ Complete the **online application** anytime between **November 1, 2026**, and **January 25, 2027**.

STEP 2 - WIN COUNCIL LEVEL

- ✓ Each Council selects 1 winner in each division - 1 male and 1 female.
- ✓ If you are selected as the Council winner, your local Knights of Columbus Council will notify you.
- ✓ Councils submit their winners to the State by **February 7, 2027**.

STEP 3 - WIN STATE LEVEL

- ✓ The State Council **reviews/scores all applications** from the local Council winners.
- ✓ The **top 5 male** and **top 5 female** applicants are selected to attend **CYLA State Finals**.
- ✓ State State CYLA Chairman, Delmas Forbes, **will email the top 5 in each division**.
- ✓ Sponsoring Councils of the top 5 in each division are also contacted.

STEP 4 - ATTEND STATE CYLA FINALS

- ✓ The **top 5 male** and **top 5 female applicants** selected from the Council winners are invited to attend CYLA State Finals in Baton Rouge.
- ✓ **Everyone invited will win a cash prize between \$1,000 and \$5,000!**
- ✓ CYLA Finals will be held on **Saturday, April 3, 2027**, at **St. George Catholic Church** in Baton Rouge.



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for more info, check our our website
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ONLINE APPLICATION INFO

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GENERAL INFO

- Each student must be sponsored by a local Knights of Columbus Council. If you don't have one, we will attempt to locate a sponsoring Council for you.
- Complete all required fields (*indicated by the **).

STUDENT INFO

- Your name, address, and email address
- Your parent or guardian's name and at least one (1) phone number for them.
- Name of your church parish and local pastor
- Name of your high school and principal or school counselor (*you do not have to be enrolled at a Catholic High School to apply for this award - we encourage all Catholics in good standing to apply*)

APPLICATION SECTIONS

Each section provides a place to list each organization, ministry, and single activity name; offices held; and honors received. *Samples are provided online.*

I. SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

IA Church Parish - anything spiritually-related within your church parish.

IB School/Other - anything spiritually-related within your school or community.

II. SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

IIA GPA - your GPA for your junior year and the first semester/9 weeks GPA for your senior year.

IIB Scholastic - organizations, honors, and offices held within your school that are not spiritually-related.

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APPLICATION SECTIONS *(continued)*

III. CIVIC, COMMUNITY, AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

All organizations, clubs, or events that you participated in within your community.

IV. ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

All athletic programs that you participated in within your school or community, such as recreational sports. Please include cheerleading and/or dance team activities.

V. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

All activities of a social nature, such as school theater, school dances, fairs, festivals, summer camps, and any other social activities not already listed in another section.

VI. GENERAL INFO

Your intentions and plans after graduating from high school, such as employment, volunteering, attending college, joining the seminary or convent, career goals, or other plans for your future. Include the fields of study for all educational plans.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

A digital signature is required to attest that all the information listed on your application is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

FINAL NOTES

- Save your info and come back later by providing an email address. Update as many times as necessary before submitting your application.
- Once your application is complete, click **Submit**. A PDF copy of your application will be mailed to the email addresses you provided for your parents and you.

*We look forward to your participation
in our CYLA Program!*

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