

Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award

Sports has the power to change the world and unite people like nothing else.

This has never been more evident than in recent years with the volume of youth movements occurring around the country where young leaders are working within their local communities to tackle pressing issues and provide sustainable solutions, all through the power of sport.

As part of the 2021 Sports Humanitarian Awards, the **Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award** celebrates the legendary sports icon's commitment to leadership and service, and honors high school and college-aged students who, like Billie Jean King, use the power of sports to improve their communities. The Award — which was created in 2019 — will recognize its honorees during the 2021 Sports Humanitarian Awards.



Successful applicants will:

- Demonstrate how they are using the power of sport as a catalyst for change within their local school or community. This means that they are intentionally using sport to change the way people think, how they feel and compels them to act.
- Deliver social impact showcasing how his/her/their community has been positively impacted. This cannot be just participating in an existing program owned by a nonprofit, but must go above and beyond with their contribution and work being unique.
- Be passionate and committed to empowering the community in which he/she/they live.
- Embody confidence and enthusiasm as a leader and have strong moral character.
- Personify exemplary leadership qualities on and off the field/court.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. national or permanent resident.
- Must be under 25 years of age.
- Students must have a demonstrated financial need as verified by their college or university, if being considered for a scholarship.
- Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, if being considered for a scholarship.
- For academic scholarships, applicant must be a rising High School Senior or current College Freshman, College Sophomore, College Junior attending an accredited 4-year college or university.
- For a donation to an eligible nonprofit, applicant can be a High School Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior or current College Freshman, College Sophomore, College Junior, College Senior.

Funding Guidelines

- One-time academic scholarships awarded in the amount of \$10,000 to an accredited college or university where this individual has been accepted and plans to attend or is currently enrolled, or a donation of \$10,000 to the nonprofit charity aligned with the nomination, as long as it meets The Walt Disney Company's charitable giving guidelines and award program eligibility criteria.
- Scholarships applicable for one-year only and are non-renewable.