

Youth Leadership Award Application

Are you a youth living with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA), SLE, JDM, vasculitis or other autoinflammatory condition who is making a positive impact in the childhood rheumatic disease community? We want to hear about it!

Cassie + Friends' **Youth Leadership Awards** recognize the contributions of Canadian youth who are helping to advance our mission of transforming kids' and families' lives through an event, initiative or project. Each year, two outstanding youth will be awarded \$500 and featured on our website for their leadership and impact in one of our four key areas: research, connection, information and support.

About the Youth Leadership Award

Each year, two youth will be selected by a panel to be awarded \$500 each and named Youth Leaders of the Year. The goal of the Cassie + Friends' Youth Leadership Award Program is to recognize the power of youth living with rheumatic conditions to further our mission of transforming kids' lives while also encouraging them to develop useful skills in areas like event planning, leadership, fundraising, advocacy and more that will help them excel in school, work and life. Some of our past youth leaders have been recognized for activities like acting as a youth mentor/leader, being a Team Cassie + Friends Run/Walk ambassador, fundraising initiatives, helping to develop a research study, school or community awareness initiatives and more!

Eligibility

Here are some guidelines for who is eligible to apply for a Youth Leader Award:

- Youth must be between the ages of 5-25 years
- The initiative, project or activity undertaken must align with at least one of the C+F core pillars: research, education, connection & support
- Preference will be given to initiatives that build community and inspire others to take similar action

To access the Youth Leadership Award Application click [here](#).

Application Deadline: Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

Award + Selection

Two awards of \$500 will be presented to two individuals based on criteria including increased awareness and education of pediatric rheumatic diseases, leadership, strengthening community and the positive impact on the lives of families affected by juvenile arthritis.

The two award recipients will be chosen by an adjudication committee from across Canada. Successful applicants will be contacted by mid-January 2024.

Questions?

Please email all questions to info@cassieandfriends.ca