

**THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
OF SARASOTA COUNTY**

**YOUTH PIONEER AWARD APPLICATION**

**The Community Foundation of Sarasota County proudly offers the Youth Pioneer Award** given in honor of the following individuals and organizations who have contributed greatly to the initial success of the Foundation:

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grills  
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schoenbaum  
The William & Marie Selby Foundation

**With special recognition to our Founders,  
The Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council**



The Youth Pioneer Award is open to graduating high school seniors who have shown **extraordinary leadership** as a volunteer in some project or activity which has benefited our local community. Applicant must be a Sarasota County resident from either public or private high school and must plan to attend a four-year college or university, two-year college, or vocational school in the fall.

Applications are reviewed by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County Youth Pioneer Scholarship Committee and final approval will be by the Community Foundation Board of Directors. One scholarship is awarded and all applicants are notified in writing of the Foundation's decision, whether or not they are awarded the scholarship.

**Deadline for receipt of application is January 15th**



Please write a statement on the following topic (use the back of this form or a separate typed sheet if necessary):

Discuss one local community project in which you have been involved. You must have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and commitment. This project should not be merely a volunteer activity, but rather something outstanding of which you are particularly proud that has benefited the community-at-large. Preference will be given to applicants who have initiated their own volunteer projects. *Attach any newspaper articles, photos, brochures or other information that would help explain the project. Please do not bind.*

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Please use a separate sheet to answer the following questions if you need it:

1. Did you come up with the idea for the project? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Who did you recruit to help with the project? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What was your timetable for the project? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How many hours were devoted to this project? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What specific role did you play in carrying out the project? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Through this project, what did you learn about leadership? \_\_\_\_\_

References:

Please ask two individuals (outside of your family) to provide letters of reference **in regard to the special community project** which confirms your extraordinary leadership and commitment. One letter should be from a school official and one letter should be from a community leader. These SHOULD NOT be academic references.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ask these individuals to send the letters directly to the Foundation using the mailing address below. A student's application will not be considered without these reference letters.

List the full names, addresses and phone number of persons you have asked for references.

Full name and address of references:

Telephone #:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

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Certification:

I acknowledge that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I will inform the Community Foundation of any changes that might occur in this information.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application must be postmarked by: January 15th**

**The Community Foundation of Sarasota County**

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