

APPLICATION FOR THE  
**GLORIA BARRON PRIZE**  
FOR  
**YOUNG HEROES**



Celebrating today's young heroes

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people from diverse backgrounds all across North America. Established in 2001 by author T.A. Barron, the Barron Prize annually honors 25 outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive impact on people, their communities, and the environment.

Since its inception, the Barron Prize has awarded more than half a million dollars to hundreds of young leaders and has won the support of the National Geographic Education Foundation, Girl Scouts of the USA, and National Youth Leadership Council, among other organizations.

—**T. A. Barron**

Colorado Author and Founder of the Prize  
For information, visit [www.tabarron.com](http://www.tabarron.com).

ANNUAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
**APRIL 15**

Applications must be completed and submitted online by 5:00 pm MT

[www.barronprize.org](http://www.barronprize.org)

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## ELIGIBILITY

The Barron Prize welcomes applications from public-spirited young people who are, on our **April 15** deadline:

- between the ages of 8 and 18 (not yet age 19).
- permanent residents of and currently residing in the U.S.A. or Canada.
- currently working on an inspiring service project or have done so within the past 12 months.
- working as an individual to lead their service work. The Barron Prize does not accept applications from large groups of young people.

The Barron Prize does not discriminate against its applicants based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

## APPLICATION PROCESS TIMELINE

- Early January: Online application system **opens early January, each year.**
- By April 15: Application Deadline: Completed materials **must be submitted online by 5 pm MT.**
- By May 15: Applicants will be notified via email that applications have been received.
- By Sept. 30: Winners will be announced. All applicants will be notified via email.

## WHAT WINNERS RECEIVE

\$10,000 Cash Award

Recognition Gifts

Young Heroes Materials

Networking Opportunities

Media Coverage

## SELECTION CRITERIA

### **Our judges use the following criteria in choosing winners:**

1. Winners must have organized and led an extraordinary service activity which has clearly benefited other people or the planet we share.
  - a. The service activity must have been initiated and motivated primarily by the winner himself or herself.
  - b. The service activity cannot have been done solely to complete an assignment for school or work.
2. Winners must have:
  - a. demonstrated positive spirit, courage, intelligence, generosity, and high moral purpose.
  - b. shown initiative, tenacity, and unselfishness in pursuit of their goals.
  - c. accomplished something with inspirational value—something that could inspire others to make a difference.
  - d. done more than survive a difficult personal challenge. Their heroism must have made an impact on the world beyond themselves.
3. Winners may or may not have received recognition for their heroic work. Fame itself shall not have been a motivating factor.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### **Please read these requirements carefully before you begin the application process.**

1. Applications **must be completed and submitted online** by our deadline of **5:00 p.m. MT on April 15** each year, when the system will automatically close.
2. We do not accept applications via fax, email, U.S. mail, or any other carrier.
3. Please contact us well in advance of our deadline for any technical assistance you anticipate needing. **We do not accept applications after April 15.**
4. Applications must include a letter from the Lead Reference. A Lead Reference is simply an adult advocate who has solid knowledge of the applicant's heroic activities. Examples of Lead References include teachers, librarians, school counselors, youth service officials, and religious leaders.
5. Members of the applicant's family cannot act as Lead References nor write the other two letters of recommendation.
6. All required application materials must be included at the time of submission. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
7. Contents of the application are considered public information once submitted and should not include private or privileged information.

*By submitting an entry in the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, each applicant acknowledges reading and understanding all the selection criteria and application requirements published on the prize's website and agrees to observe them. Further, each entrant acknowledges and agrees that as a condition of receiving the prize, the selected individual will cooperate in publicizing the Barron Prize and will grant rights in the applicant's materials to the Barron Prize.*

Questions? Check the "Apply" page of the Barron Prize website or  
email: [director@barronprize.org](mailto:director@barronprize.org)

SAMPLE COPY

[www.barronprize.org](http://www.barronprize.org)

**GLORIA BARRON PRIZE FOR YOUNG HEROES  
APPLICATION FORM**

**THIS IS A "SAMPLE-ONLY" APPLICATION AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF SUBMITTED BY MAIL.**  
Please fill out the online application at [www.barronprize.org/apply](http://www.barronprize.org/apply)

In addition to the list of requirements below, the Barron Prize welcomes additional visual materials (such as articles or videos) that will enhance the judges' understanding of the project.

Required materials for your application:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Completed application form<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2. Letter/essay from the applicant<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3. Letter from the Lead Reference | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Completed Letters of Recommendation form *<br><input type="checkbox"/> 5. Two corresponding letters of recommendation<br><input type="checkbox"/> 6. One color photo of the applicant |
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\*It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide contact information for all three references.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE NUMBER	PARENT(S) WORK PHONE NUMBER	CELL PHONE NUMBER
DATE OF BIRTH	AGE ON APRIL 15 DEADLINE	
APPLICANT'S EMAIL ADDRESS (OR FAMILY'S)	PROJECT WEBSITE ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)	
PROJECT TITLE & ONE LINE SUMMARY DESCRIPTION		
HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE BARRON PRIZE? (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.)		

**APPLICANT'S SCHOOL INFORMATION**

NAME OF SCHOOL APPLICANT IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING	CURRENT YEAR IN SCHOOL
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER	SCHOOL WEBSITE

**LEAD REFERENCE INFORMATION**

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME
ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL	TITLE/POSITION	EMAIL ADDRESS
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
WORK PHONE NUMBER	HOME PHONE NUMBER	CELL PHONE NUMBER
SUMMER HOME PHONE		SUMMER EMAIL
HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE BARRON PRIZE? (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.)		

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**PROJECT SUMMARY AND ESSAY FROM THE APPLICANT**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lead Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Type or Upload your Project Summary

Choose an option from the Project Summary dropdown box, then type your summary in the text box that will appear or upload your summary using the upload field.

Feel free to include any personal challenges you have overcome. Your summary should not exceed 250 words.

2. Type or Upload your Project Essay

Choose an option from the Project Essay dropdown box, then type your essay in the text box that will appear or upload your essay using the upload field.

Your essay should not exceed a total of 1,500 words, and must address the following three questions:

- What inspired you to organize this service activity?
- What did you hope to accomplish by leading this service activity, and what did you actually accomplish? If the two are different, then why?
- What have you learned from the experience—both about yourself and about the world?

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**LETTER FROM THE LEAD REFERENCE**

Name of Lead Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants are required to submit a total of three letters of recommendation. One must be from a Lead Reference who will answer the following five questions. Lead Reference letters should not exceed 1,500 words.

1. What is the relationship between the Lead Reference and the Applicant?
2. What service activity did the applicant perform?
3. What was the applicant's specific leadership role in that activity?
4. What obstacles and/or challenges did the applicant overcome while leading this service activity?
5. What were the verifiable results of the applicant's service activity?

**LEAD REFERENCE**

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	
ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL	TITLE/POSITION	EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
WORK PHONE NUMBER	HOME PHONE NUMBER	CELL PHONE NUMBER	
DESCRIBE IN WHAT CAPACITY YOU KNOW THE APPLICANT			
SUMMER HOME PHONE NUMBER		SUMMER EMAIL	

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

An applicant's two additional letters of recommendation should verify his/her service achievements and attest to his/her general character. Recommendation letters should not exceed 500 words.

**FIRST RECOMMENDATION**

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	
ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL	TITLE/POSITION	EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
WORK PHONE NUMBER	HOME PHONE NUMBER	CELL PHONE NUMBER	
DESCRIBE IN WHAT CAPACITY YOU KNOW THE APPLICANT			
SUMMER HOME PHONE NUMBER		SUMMER EMAIL	

**SECOND RECOMMENDATION**

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	
ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL	TITLE/POSITION	EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
WORK PHONE NUMBER	HOME PHONE NUMBER	CELL PHONE NUMBER	
DESCRIBE IN WHAT CAPACITY YOU KNOW THE APPLICANT			
SUMMER HOME PHONE NUMBER		SUMMER EMAIL	

**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

Feel free to upload or provide links to supplemental materials (photos, news articles, videos, etc.) that will help the judges better understand your project. It is best to provide a link (i.e. YouTube) where we can view videos rather than upload video files. Please list below the materials you are uploading.
