**EASTERN REGION TAI YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The **Eastern Region Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI) Young Citizen of the Year Award** is presented to the Top Youth Leader in the Eastern Region. The Award is designed to recognize the Outstanding Achievements of a Sophomore, Junior or Senior High School or younger student who has demonstrated exemplary character and leadership qualities in a TAI Chapter and/or the local community (i.e. – President of local Youth Group, works with community leaders to better their community, serving the homeless, helping habitat for humanity programs, etc). Candidate has gone above and beyond in their community while excelling in the classroom w/a 3.5 or above GPA.

During the evaluation period, the Young Citizen must have (1) demonstrated leadership skills in a TAI Chapter’s Youth Program, (2) participated in a STEM or STEAM event, (3) helped organize 1-2 field trips to expose Youths to STEM/STEAM careers, (4) shown an interest in the development of other fellow Youths and a disdain for bullying, and/or (5) exhibited a civic minded quality resulting in community improvements. The Young Citizen clearly must be an individual of the highest caliber; one who not only has been a faithful and model Student but who is recognized as a positive influence on other youngsters as well. The CY2021 Award period for bulletized submissions to be evaluated is **1 July 2019 – 30 April 2021**. [Note: the evaluation period for this Award is ending earlier than other ER Awards so a Nominee can be selected and presented this Award at the Winner’s School during an Award Assembly.]

**Total Possible Points for the ER TAI Young Citizen of the Year Award: 100 points**. The recipient of this Annual Award will receive a $250 check and their name will be announced during the Annual ER TAI Caucus Meeting or a virtual/teleconference meeting when a face-to-face presentation is not possible. In the latter case, the check and Award will be mailed to the Winner’s home address or the nominating TAI Chapter President home address. The name of the Winner will also be cited in the TAI Summer or Fall Newsletter*. [Note: the $250 check to be written the Winner will come from the Treasury of the Chapter whose Candidate is selected for the Award]* Lastly, all submissions must be received and/or postmarked no later than **30 April 2021**.

**Nomination criteria:**

To be eligible, the Candidate must have actively participated in a TAI Chapter Youth Program or been active in the community that is within 50-miles of a TAI Chapter’s location. Nominations are acceptable via Chapter Members in Good Financial Standing. Self-nominations are NOT Acceptable. Packets submitted must reflect 2-signatures (and TAIN) of Chapter Members in Good Financial Standing on the attached Cover Letter. *[Note: Nomination packets must include, 2-bulletized synopsized pages (maximum), the Cover page and a 5X8 photo…preferably digital so if smaller, then the photo can be enlarged)*

**Judging/Evaluation Criteria (100 Points):**

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| **Evaluation Criteria** | **Explanation** | **Value** |
| Leadership | Demonstrated Youth Leadership skills in a TAI Youth, Church Youth, Civil Air Patrol and/or Girl/Boy Scout Program(s), etc.? | **30** |
| Engagement | Participated in a STEM or STEAM events? | **25** |
| Organization | Helped arrange/facilitate 1-2 Youth Program field trips to expose Youths to the value of an education and career fields within their grasps? | **20** |
| Youth Development | Shown an interest in development of fellow Youths & disdain for bullying? | **15** |
| Civic Activities | Exhibited a fascination & civic minded quality for community improvements? | **15** |
| **Total** | **100** |

Please submit ER TAI Young Citizen of the Year Award Nominees to Magwood34@GMail.Com and TJaySpann1@GMail.Com. No printed copy needs to be mailed in.