

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

2026 OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD APPLICATION

Most Worshipful Matthew Todd Szramoski, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, and the members of the Grand Lodge of Virginia affirm their support of and commitment to our youth and invite members of our three Masonic youth groups to participate in this recognition program of outstanding youth group members. One individual will be selected from each of the three Masonic youth groups. You are encouraged to apply each year; however, previous award recipients are not eligible to re-apply.

All applicants must be in good standing, within the respective membership ages for their Masonic youth group, and will not reach their majority age by July 1, 2026.

To apply, please complete the following and send it via U.S. Mail or E-Mail to:

Worshipful Joseph D. Grist, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth:
2504 Montgomerie Arch Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23188
joseph.d.grist@gmail.com

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN
BY NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2026 TO BE CONSIDERED**

Applicant's Name:

Address:

E-Mail Address:

Phone:

Assembly/Bethel/Chapter Name/Number:

Assembly/Bethel/Chapter Adult Leader's Name:

Adult Leader's Email:

Adult Leader's Phone:

Assembly/Bethel/Chapter Offices Held:

Attach with your application a Letter of Recommendation (one only), authored and signed by a recognized adult youth leader within your organization (Assembly, Bethel, or Chapter), who is not your parent, grandparent, or legal guardian. An adult youth leader can only submit a Letter of Recommendation for one applicant applying for the Outstanding Youth Award, not Letters of Recommendation for multiple applicants.

On the next page, or attached separately, an essay (typed or legibly written), that does not exceed 500 words, on what Most Worshipful Matthew Todd Szramoski's theme "Living Our Obligations" means to you in regards to your involvement and experience, and the obligation you solemnly took, within your own Masonic Youth Organization (DeMolay, Job's Daughter's, Rainbow). How are you promoting "Living Our Obligations" within your own organization and how has it made you a better person?

I hereby grant to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and its designees or assignees, my consent to use, in whole or in part, my image or essay for republication and promotional use:

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Parent or Guardian Signature (if Applicant is under the age of 18):

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