

**Jewish Federation of Greater Naples
Patricia J. Adkins Youth Leadership Award**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Naples, Patricia J. Adkins Youth Leadership Award will be given to honor the achievements of Greater Collier County high school seniors demonstrating leadership in their activities at their respective congregation and/or BBYO youth group. They will be recognized for their successful balancing of Jewish leadership, high school academics, athletics and clubs, and community service.

A one-time award of \$2,500 each will be given to 2 deserving seniors. This scholarship will be used to further their education at an accredited college, university, or vocational school.

Patricia J. Adkins Youth Leadership Award Criteria

Qualifications include:

- *Jewish youth in their senior year of high school
- *Residents of the Greater Collier County Area (Including Bonita Springs, Estero, Naples, and Marco Island)
- *Actively involved in respective congregation and/or BBYO youth group
- *Strong Academic Record
- *Leadership activities in both High School and Jewish Service

Application process includes:

- * Youth Leadership Award Application
- *Cumulative high school transcript
- *Activity Resume-listing awards, outside activities and Jewish participation
- *Two letters of recommendations
 - A. High school teacher or counselor
 - B. Rabbi, BBYO director, or Jewish mentor
- *A 500 word or less essay on **ONE** of the below selected topics. The selection committee will weigh this heavily.
 - A. How has your Jewish life shaped the person you are today?
 - B. What future project would you engage in the world to embody the value of “Tikkum Olam” (repair of the world)?

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Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____ I am a high school senior at _____
Parent Name(s) _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please list all high school activities, clubs, and awards.

Please list any community service you have done.

Name of Synagogue you belong to _____ [if applicable]

Please list all synagogue activities that you were involved in.

Are you a member of BBYO: Please Check: YES _____ NO _____

Please list all BBYO activities you were involved in, offices held, and awards.

Applicants must be: (please initial each one)

- ___ Jewish youth in their senior year of high school
- ___ Residents of the Greater Collier County Area
- ___ Actively involved in respective congregation and/or BBYO youth group.
- ___ Strong academic record
- ___ Leadership in both high school and Jewish related activities

Signature of applicant: _____ Date submitted: _____

Please attach:

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Deadline for submission of Patricia J. Adkins Youth Leadership Award application, essay, resume, transcript and references is:

February 9, 2026

Please submit all materials to: Renee’: rbialek@jewishnaples.org

Please call Renee’ at 239-263-4205 with any questions.

- All scholarship application data is strictly confidential and will be reviewed without any identifying information (anonymously) by established selection criteria.
- The award recipients will be notified by February 2026.
- Award recipients will be required to be present at the JFGN’s annual Power of Community Celebration on Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 pm.
- Award checks will be made out to the institution and/or related college.
- Awardee will contact the college office for procedure and policy.



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