

CORRECTED: Foreign Service Youth Foundation 2021 Award Winners

Key Points

- This message announces the 2021 winners of the annual scholarships and contests sponsored by the Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF).
- Contest judges chose from among 271 applicants serving at over 100 overseas posts and Washington, D.C., to award cash prizes to 38 recipients.
- This year's FSYF award winners will be honored at the annual Youth Awards Ceremony in mid-August; if conditions allow, the ceremony will be in-person.

The Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF) is pleased to announce its award winners for 2021. If conditions permit, the awardees will be honored at the annual Youth Awards Ceremony in mid-August at a location to be determined in the Washington, D.C.-area. FSYF thanks the Bureau of Global Talent Management's Family Liaison Office, the Foreign Service Institute's (FSI) Overseas Briefing Center (OBC), contest judges, and contest award donors for their support of this program.

FSYF Academic Merit Awards

The \$2,000 first place award and the \$1,000 second place award go to high-achieving high school seniors or gap year students. The awardees were selected from 44 entrants. The scholarships are made possible by ProMax Management Incorporated.

- *1st Place:* Wiley Skaret - Asuncion
- *2nd Place:* Rylee McMillan - Muscat

FSYF Community Service Awards

The \$2,000 first place, \$1,000 second place, and two \$500 third place winners demonstrated outstanding volunteer efforts in service to their community or to their peers. They were selected from 16 entrants. The prizes are donated by Clements Worldwide Insurance.

- *1st Place:* Alejandra Frerichs - Panama City
- *2nd Place:* Cesar Miranda - Ciudad Juárez
- *3rd Place (tie):* Micah Dieterle - Beijing

- *3rd Place (tie):* Ann Carew - Quito

FSYF Essay Awards

Six awards ranging from \$150 to \$800 are given for essays responding to the following prompt: "If you were writing a travel guide for visitors to your current or prior post, what out-of-the-way location or special local event would you highlight in the guide? Describe how living in that country as Foreign Service youth allowed you to discover that location or event which a short-term visitor might miss." The winners were selected from 47 entrants. The awards are made possible by Jim McGrath, Associate Broker, ReMax Premier.

Middle School

- *1st Place:* Kaya Sovereign – Taipei
- *2nd Place:* Reo Petra Triplow – Kinshasa
- *3rd Place:* Luke Heumphreus – Bogota

High School

- *1st Place:* Eileen Kosnar – Lima
- *2nd Place:* Alessandra Veveiros - Washington, DC
- *3rd Place:* Emily Allen - Frankfurt

FSYF Art Awards

Fourteen awards ranging from \$50 to \$500 are presented to artists utilizing any flat medium to illustrate the theme "My Favorite Place in the World." The awards are made possible by the State Department Federal Credit Union. They were selected from 139 applicants.

5-8 Age Group

- *1st Place:* Dylan Thibault – Tunis
- *2nd Place:* Florencia Veveiros - Washington, D.C.
- *3rd Place:* Isis Meacham – Nairobi
- *Honorable Mention:* Miriam Franke - La Paz

9-12 Age Group

- *1st Place:* Benjamin Newman - Washington, D.C.
- *2nd Place:* Sanna Freeman - Washington, D.C.
- *3rd Place (tie):* Sophia Duff – Guangzhou
- *3rd Place (tie):* Zahra Oulhaci - Abu Dhabi

- *Honorable Mention:* Harper Russell - Bridgetown

13-18 Age Group

- *1st Place:* Ellie Chang – Berlin
- *2nd Place:* Jacob Newman - Washington, D.C.
- *3rd Place (tie):* Lily Velez - Washington, D.C.
- *3rd Place (tie):* Ana Elena Gomez Jimenez – Athens
- *Honorable Mention:* Benjamin Leese - Washington, D.C.

OBC KidVid Awards

The OBC, a division of the FSI Transition Center, and FSYP are the co-sponsors of this annual contest. To compete, participants produce a video to highlight life at post for children and teens. OBC coordinates the contest and FSYP provides the prize money through a donation from Jim McGrath, Associate Broker, ReMax Premier. This year, there were 25 entrants. The videos become a permanent addition to the OBC's audiovisual collection and are accessible via the [Department of State Intranet](#). FSI will announce this year's nine winners in a separate cable.

About FSYP

Since 1989, FSYP has helped youth embrace the adventure of an internationally mobile childhood by encouraging resilience and fostering camaraderie. Membership is open to U.S. citizen employees currently on assignment or eligible for assignment overseas under Chief of Mission authority. Global programs include webinars on Third Culture Kids' issues (including re-entry seminars for students returning to the U.S. and college admissions workshops), online video and document library, annual contests (art, essay, community service, and video), and academic merit scholarships. D.C.-area events include teen/tween meetup events, volunteer work sessions, and a fall welcome back picnic. For more information, visit www.fsyf.org, email fsyf@fsyf.org, or call 703-731-2960.

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