

The California Youth Advocacy Network and  
the Erich Jenkins Change A Life Foundation present the  
9th Annual  
Erich Jenkins Memorial  
Youth Advocate of the Year Scholarship

The Erich Jenkins Memorial Youth Advocate of the Year Scholarship will be presented to three outstanding high school students for their accomplishments and leadership in California's tobacco control movement.

**Award recipients will  
receive a \$2,000  
scholarship**

### Erich Jenkins

The Youth Advocate of the Year Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Erich Jenkins, the Vice-President of Fitness for 24 Hour Fitness who helped establish the original scholarship fund for this award program in 2001. Mr. Jenkins truly believed in the work that young people are doing to help make their communities healthier by educating and advocating for tobacco-free environments. Like the youth advocates, Erich dedicated his life to making a difference for others – one person at a time. He had a powerful influence on all who were blessed to have known him. Erich's spirit will live on in all who strive to make positive change in this world. Like his motto says, "Never underestimate the power of one."

### How to Apply

Step 1: Complete the application form, answering all questions to the best of your ability.

Step 2: Obtain two letters of recommendation from people who are familiar with your tobacco control work.

Step 3: Gather materials that showcase your tobacco control efforts. No VHS, DVD, or CDs, please.

Step 4: Mail the above materials to the California Youth Advocacy Network. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, June 5, 2009.

### Important!!!

Applicants must be California residents.

Applicants must currently be in their junior or senior year of high school.

Scholarship recipients will be INELIGIBLE for future awards.

Late and incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed.

Postcards will be mailed by June 19th confirming receipt of your materials.

CYAN and the Erich Jenkins Change A Life Foundation reserve the right to present scholarships only if applicants have met the minimum qualifications.

Return complete applications by mail to:  
California Youth Advocacy Network  
Attn: Erich Jenkins Memorial Scholarship  
4811 Chippendale Dr., Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95841

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June 5, 2009

For more information, please contact Karen Strach  
at (916) 339-3424 ext.21 or  
karen@cyanonline.org



## SELECTION CRITERIA

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Based on selected criteria, a review committee comprised of representatives from state and local health agencies as well as CYAN and the Erich Jenkins Change A Life Foundation will review and judge the applications. CYAN and the Erich Jenkins Change A Life Foundation will honor the selected winners by August 30, 2009.

The Erich Jenkins Memorial Youth Advocate of the Year Scholarship is open to students in California who are currently in their junior or senior year of high school. All entries are judged using the following criteria:

1. Dedication to tobacco prevention
2. Leadership
3. Creative thinking/Problem solving
4. Experience/Activity involvement
5. Achievement/Impact

## SUBMISSIONS **MUST** INCLUDE

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- A completed application (essay must come with application)
- Two letters of recommendation (letters must come with application)
- Optional: News articles, flyers, pictures or anything pertaining to the nominee's activities and achievements from **5/08-5/09 ONLY** (limit 10 pages). NO VHS, DVD OR CDs, PLEASE.

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## Application

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coalition Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year in School (as of May 2009)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Years of Advocacy Experience

**Please attach type-written responses to the following questions:**

1. Please list all the agencies/organizations/extracurricular activities which you have participated with between 5/08-5/09.
2. Give an example of a tobacco prevention related activity or situation where you took initiative.
3. Give an example of your overall level of commitment to tobacco prevention. What role does tobacco prevention play in your life?
4. What tobacco prevention activities have you been involved in over the past year (5/08-5/09) and what was your role in each activity?
5. In 750 words or less, answer the following questions in an essay format:
  - A) Looking back at all of the work that you have done in tobacco prevention in the past year, (5/08-5/09) what are your biggest achievements and why?
  - B) What impact has your tobacco control work had on your community?

## Letter of Recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

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Email

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Known

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**In your letter, please respond to the following question:**

In 500 words or less, please explain why you believe this applicant should be considered for the Erich Jenkins Memorial Youth Advocate of the Year Scholarship. What qualities do you feel this applicant brings to local and/or statewide tobacco prevention advocacy that make them stand out from other youth?

Please provide examples between 5/08-5/09 of the following:

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# Scholarship Winners

2008

Eddie Hu, *Yo Mateo*  
Miguel Lopez, *REACT Program*  
Zara Lozano, *Stay Safe Youth Coalition*

2007

Melissa Hughes, *Willits Peer Health Educators*  
Lynn Skrukurd, *Y.O.U.T.H. Coalition*  
Tiffany Nguyen, *Back that Ash Up! Youth Coalition*

2006

Maria Ly, *Fresno County Youth Advocacy Coalition*  
Thania Balcorta, *YUFA STAR Youth Coalition*  
Eric Jessup, *YAK-SO Youth Coalition*

2005

Jessica Leong, *YO Mateo! Youth Coalition*

2004

Amanda Peterson, *YAK-SO Youth Coalition*  
Manveer Sahota, *Sutter County TOXIC Coalition*  
Sagar Dinu Patel, *YO Mateo! Youth Coalition*

2003

Monica Zhou, *Campfire USA Speak Out! Coalition*  
Amanda Peterson, *YAK-SO Youth Coalition*  
Hannah Banard-Henke, *Willits Peer Health Educators*

2002

Peter Villareal, *Sierra County Friday Night Live*  
Katie Reid, *Plumas County Tobacco Free Coalition*  
Jody Garcia Jr., *San Joaquin County STEPP*

2001

Alison Clancy, *Nevada Union Y.O.U.T.H. Coalition*  
Tesa Bess, *Nevada Union Y.O.U.T.H. Coalition*  
Peter Villareal, *Sierra County Friday Night Live*



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