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## **YMCA Northeast Teen Leaders School (NELS) Robert “Bobby” Benedict Scholarship**

### **Scholarship Intent**

The Bobby Benedict Scholarship Award provides a full scholarship to the YMCA Northeast Leaders School program. The award is given to one (1) teen leader in a YMCA Leaders Club program and covers the cost of attending the program.

### **Robert “Bobby” Benedict**



Bobby Benedict was a veteran staff member of the YMCA Northeast Leaders School. He had a great passion for camp and for youth programs, especially the Leaders Club program at the Merrimack Valley YMCA in Massachusetts where Bobby spent several years as an advisor.

As a youth Bobby was diagnosed with Type I diabetes and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He worked hard to beat his Lymphoma so he could continue to participate in wrestling, one of his favorite extracurricular activities.

Bobby was an integral part of the regional Leaders Club community. To our teens he was an outstanding adult role model helping to stretch their spirit, mind and body. To our staff he was a beloved friend and mentor. He gave selflessly to help others and fully embodied our YMCA core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

Bobby passed in 2009 from complications brought on by his fight with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Type I Diabetes. His indomitable spirit and courage reminds us to keep pushing forward no matter what challenges may come our way.

### **Scholarship Criteria**

- Eligible to attend the YMCA Northeast Leaders School program;
- Actively engaged and considered a member in good standing at their local YMCA and/or Leaders Club program for a minimum of 6 months;
- An ability to balance School with other co-curricular and extra curricular activities;
- Consistently role models the YMCA's core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility;
- Actively engages in volunteer service; and
- Is engaged in extra-curricular activities besides the YMCA.

### **How to Apply**

To be considered for Robert “Bobby” Benedict Scholarship Award the below information is required.

1. Scholarship Application form
2. Advisor Recommendation form

Send all forms and information to [rwong@ymcacny.org](mailto:rwong@ymcacny.org) with a subject of “NELS Bobby Benedict Scholarship” (preferred) or snail mail to:

Southwest YMCA  
4585 W. Seneca Tpke.  
Syracuse, NY 13215

Attn: Ryan Wong | RE: NELS Benedict Scholarship

**Deadline to Apply is May 29<sup>th</sup>. Recipient will be announced in early June.**



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***\*Teen Application Form\****

<b>First Name</b>		<b>Last Name</b>	
<b>YMCA Branch / Association</b>		<b>I Identify As</b>	
		Male      Female      _____	
<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>Age</b>	<b>Current Grade in School (circle ONE)</b>
____ / ____ / ____			6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Phone Number</b>		<b>How long have you been in Leaders Club?</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>			
<b>Other than Leaders Club, what extra-curricular, volunteer, or community-based activities are you involved in?</b>			
<b>What does it mean to you to be a leader? In what ways do you show up as a leader? (You may attached a typed document instead if you need more space)</b>			
<b>Describe a time you showed courage and resilience during a challenge. What did you learn from that experience? (You may attach a typed document if you need more space)</b>			
<b>What do you hope to gain from attending Leaders School this year? (You may attach a typed document if you need more space)</b>			

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**\*ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION FORM\***  
*To be completed by your club Advisor*

<b>Advisor First Name</b>	<b>Advisor Last Name</b>
<b>YMCA Branch / Association</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>How long have you known the applicant?</b>
<b>Please confirm the following. 1 being lowest, 5 being highest</b>	
Applicant is an active member of our club for the past six months	Yes No Somewhat
Applicant has been actively engaged in volunteer service this year	Yes No Somewhat
Applicant exemplifies the YMCA core values	Yes No Somewhat
<b>In reading the requirements of this award, why do you recommend this young person to receive it? (You may attached a typed document if you need more space)</b>	

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Advisor Signature

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Date