 

**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;
* Overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 for the current school year;
* Consistently role models the YMCA’s core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility;
* Actively engages in volunteer service; and
* Is engage 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. School transcript confirming your GPA **or** your most recent report card
3. Advisor Recommendation form

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

200 Towne Drive

Fayetteville, NY 13066  
Attn: Josh Schupack | RE: NELS Benedict Scholarship

**Deadline to Apply is May 14th. Recipient will be announced end of May.**

 

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

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| **First Name** | **Last Name** | |
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| **YMCA Branch / Association** | **I Identify As (circle or write in)** | |
|  | Male Female \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| **Date of Birth** | **Age** | **Current Grade in School (circle ONE)** |
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| **Phone Number** | **How long have you been in Leaders Club?** | |
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| **Email** | | |
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| **Extra-Curricular Activities (besides Leaders Club)** | | |
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| **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)** | | |
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| **Tell us how you showed courage and resilience during a time(s) of challenge? What did you learn from that experience? (You may attached a typed document instead)** | | |
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| **What do you hope to gain from attending Leaders School this year?**  **(You may attached a typed document instead)** | | |
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***\*ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION FORM\****

***To be completed by your club advisor***

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