



Calling all Middle School & High School Students! Here is a chance to win *\$6,000* in cash prizes with the Hum Sub Youth Achievement Award.

Note: This award is open to all youth, not just of Asian-Indian descent.

If you are someone who

- is engaged and passionate about community service, or
- is involved in research and innovation projects or internships, or
- is a high achiever in the classroom, or
- participates in extracurricular activities such as art, music, dance, or sports

we want to hear from you!

This year Hum Sub is giving out four \$1500 cash awards to two deserving middle and high schoolers each. Read below to see how you can grab one of these for your outstanding achievements and earn recognition in front of a 15,000-strong crowd at our flagship Hum Sub Diwali event.

General Description:

The Hum Sub Youth Achievement Award is inspired by the Buddha's parting message to his disciples "Aapo Deepo Bhava", or "Be a light unto yourself." The award recognizes youth with outstanding achievements in community service, leadership, research, academics, performing arts, and sports. We are looking for well-rounded students who are ready to take the lead and make a difference in our communities.

Award:

- Four winners will receive a cash award of \$1500 each and a plaque at Hum Sub Diwali, on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

Selection Criteria:

- Winners will be carefully chosen by a panel of judges identified by Hum Sub Board members. Their decision is final and cannot be contested.
- What we are looking for:
 - o Outstanding Youth Leadership / Achievement
 - You played a major leadership role in creating, organizing, and implementing your project or accomplishing your goal. Show us how you impacted the success of your work.
 - o Project / Achievement Impact, Scalability, and Replicability
 - Is the achievement / project's impact significant? Can your work be used as a model for other individuals?
 - o Community engagement will be measured as per the rubric mentioned below.
 - o Charisma, Personal Commitment, and Trajectory
 - What draws you to this work and what personal growth have you achieved as a result? What would winning the Youth Achievement Award mean to you?
- Provide two non-family member references to support your application.
- You may submit up to 5 photographs to support your application
- Provide a video response to this prompt:

How to ensure Food Security for 9 billion people by 2035?

Distribution of food from rich countries to poorer countries is not a sustainable solution. What can be done to improve farming methods, animal production for meat consumption, meet nutrition requirements for the growing populace, etc.? What can be done to limit wastage of food? Are the "best by / use by" dates the reason for food wastage? Are there any other ideas?



Video Guidelines

- Video should not be more than 50mb
- Video should be in “Landscape Mode”
- Video must be in an acceptable format: wma, mpg, mp4 and mov

All answers are welcome. There is no one ideal solution. We are looking for the most creative answers and evidence of out-of-the-box thinking!

You must complete your own application. Parents, friends, mentors, teachers, etc. must not complete it for you. The submission of resumes, newspaper clippings, etc. is not permitted.

Benefits for high schoolers:

- Winners in 9th and 10th grade will be automatically inducted into our coveted Youth Ambassador internship program
- Access to leadership training
- Access to leadership initiatives at Hum Sub
- Volunteer hours and recommendation letters to help with college applications

Community Engagement Rubric

Definition: Civic (or community) engagement is working to impact change in our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes.

| | Beginner | Intermediate | Advanced |
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| Values Diversity of Communities and Cultures | Holds personal and at times restrictive views, but is open to learn and change | Actively participates in community building activities | Takes initiative to create and organize activities for wider community participation |
| Community Engagement Projects | Participates in various community engagement projects available in the Triangle area | Takes on leadership responsibilities in community engagement projects to manage outcomes | Actively creates programs for community engagement, recruits participants, delegates responsibilities and holds leaders accountable for their areas of responsibility |
| Charisma, Personal Commitment, and Trajectory | Actively participates in honing personality characteristics to present his/her best self | Actively encourages participation by being a role-model for other youth | Actively mentors other youth in a “teach the teacher” framework |

Eligibility:

- NC-based applicants only
- Enrolled in Grades 6 to 12 on March 15, 2024
- Participation: Lead or a Key member (on high-impacting projects, it is okay to have others contribute)
- Accomplishments should not be prior to Jan 1, 2024
- One entry per person
- Previous winners are not eligible for the award
- Family members of Hum Sub Board members and Hum Sub volunteers are ineligible for this award

Deadline: 11:59 pm ET Sept 9, 2024