2021 Deadline:   
*Monday, July 5, 2021*

**Washington Young Lawyers Committee**

**Public Service and Leadership Award**

The Washington Young Lawyers Committee (WYLC) will honor four young lawyers with the 2020-2021 Public Service and Leadership Award. Each award recipient will be eligible to receive a credit, which must be used within one year of receiving the award, to either attend one free (or no-cost) WSBA-CLE program of up to six credits total, or to purchase a WSBA Deskbook at a value up to $250.00. The award recipient’s name and photo may be posted on the WSBA website, publications, and/or social media.

**Eligibility requirements**

Award recipients must meet the “young lawyer” definition in the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Bylaws. Under the Bylaws, an active member is considered a young lawyer if at least one of two criteria is met: 1) the member has been admitted to practice for fewer than five years (in any state), or 2) the member is under 36 years of age.

**Nomination process**

Candidates for the award must be nominated by another individual. To complete a nomination, submit the application below and any supplemental materials that the nominee would like the WYLC to consider to [newmembers@wsba.org](mailto:newmembers@wsba.org).

**Selection process**

During the selection process, the WYLC will consider the nominee’s leadership in their community and involvement in public service activities as described in [RPC 6.1](http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/?fa=court_rules.display&group=ga&set=rpc&ruleid=garpc6.1). Long-term service or an extraordinary contribution to the community will be considered, including:

1. leadership and service in the local community or within a bar association;
2. WSBA, ABA, or local bar association activities;
3. Volunteering with pro bono or public service programs; or
4. Writing a blog post for [NWSidebar](https://nwsidebar.wsba.org/2017/03/15/off-to-an-award-winning-start-young-lawyers-lauded-for-service/) and/or writing an article for [WSBA magazine](http://nwlawyer.wsba.org/nwlawyer/oct_2019/MobilePagedArticle.action?articleId=1528677#articleId1528677).

The WYLC will select the award recipients at the July 15, 2021 WYLC meeting. All application materials will be included in the WYLC meeting materials packet and posted online. Confidential information will be redacted from publication. Recipients may only receive the award once during the WSBA fiscal year (October 1 –September 30). A congratulatory email will be sent directly from WSBA to the award recipient notifying them of their selection. For more information, contact [newmembers@wsba.org](mailto:newmembers@wsba.org).

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| Date: | | | |
| Nominee Name: | | | |
| Firm/Employer: | | | |
| Mailing Address: | | | |
| City: | State: | | Zip Code: |
| Phone: | Fax: | | E-Mail: |
| WSBA No. | | Year Admitted to Practice In Washington: | |
| Nominator’s Name: | | Relationship to Nominee: | |

Describe the nominee’s leadership in his or her local community:

How has the nominee promoted and/or contributed to the legal profession and community?

Describe a situation in which the nominee has “gone above and beyond”?

Additional information:

Submit nomination and any supplemental materials to [newmembers@wsba.org](mailto:newmembers@wsba.org)