

2026 Centennial Youth Service Award - \$3,000 award

The Wellesley Service League introduced the annual Centennial Youth Service Award in 1981, as the town celebrated its 100th birthday. This award is given by the League to recognize outstanding volunteer service among our youth and to encourage the spirit of volunteerism in our community. This year, Wellesley Service League will name one recipient of a \$3,000 award.

To be eligible, applicants must have demonstrated exceptional dedication and selflessness in a volunteer capacity AND be completing their senior year of high school as a Wellesley resident or as a student at Wellesley High School. Ideally, the volunteer service will have been performed in the local community. Children of active League members or the WSL Executive Board are not eligible.

About the Wellesley Service League

The Wellesley Service League traces its roots back to the fall of 1927. Now in its 99th year, the mission remains the same: to provide volunteer service to social welfare, cultural, educational and other charitable organizations that serve the interest of the residents of the Town of Wellesley and surrounding communities.

Today the League has between 75-80 active members who provide approximately 5,000 hours of service each year. We are proud of our contribution to the community and are committed to adapting to its changing needs in the future. Some of the community organizations the League provides support to include Wellesley Friendly Aid, Wellesley Food Pantry, Tolles Parsons Center, Wellesley Free Library, Wellesley Housing Authority and the Barton Road community, Wellesley Health Department, Elizabeth Seton Residences, Charles River Center, and MassBay Community College.

How to apply:

- 1. Complete the **Centennial Youth Service Award Application** below.
- 2. Ask someone who has supervised you in the volunteer service that you are writing about to complete the **Mentor Recommendation Form** below.
- 3. Email your application to: <u>WellesleyServiceLeague@gmail.com</u>, Stacy Braatz. Immediate Past President.
- 4. The application deadline is Friday, March 20, 2026.



Wellesley Service League Centennial Youth Service Award Application

Name:			
Address:			
Phone:	Email:		
School and Grade:		Age:	
Parents' or Guardians' Name:			

Please write a detailed description of a volunteer experience that was particularly meaningful for you and explain why. Please list the organization, address and corresponding dates of volunteer experience below. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to your application. Feel free to list any other volunteer activities.



Wellesley Service League Centennial Youth Service Award Mentor/Supervisor Recommendation Form

Name:		
Email:	Phone:	
Recommendation for:		

Please write a brief recommendation detailing your experience working with or supervising the applicant. We would like to know about their commitment to volunteer service, how much time was devoted to the service and the impact they had on the service. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to this form.

Please email completed form to: <u>WellesleyServiceLeague@gmail.com</u>, Stacy Braatz, Immediate Past President.

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Thank you!