**EASTERN REGION TAI YOUTH CHAIR/DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The **Eastern Region Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI) Youth Chair/Director of the Year Leadership Award** is presented to the Top Membership Chair/Director in the Eastern Region. During the evaluation period, the Youth Leader must have (1) demonstrated leadership skills in the Chapter’s Youth Chair/Director position, (2) conducted a STEM or STEAM event and executed 1-2 field trips to expose Youths to STEM/STEAM careers, (3) shown some innovative act(s) that caught the attention of the local communities Youths, and (4) developed a formal or informal Goal/Plan to increase Youths on the Chapter’s Membership Roster and/or actively sponsored a Youth(s) into the Chapter’s Youth program. The Youth Chair/Director must be an individual of the highest caliber; one who not only has been a faithful and model member but also one who has recognized that their influence and first impressions to youngsters and Parents are critical building blocks that will go far in keeping the proud legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen alive. The CY2021 Award period for bulletized submissions to be evaluated is **1 July 2019 – 30 June 2021**.

**Total Possible Points for the ER TAI Youth Chair/Director of the Year Leadership Award: 100 points**. The recipient of this Award will be announced and honored during the Annual ER TAI Caucus Meeting or during a virtual/teleconference meeting when a face-to-face presentation is not possible. In the latter case, the Award will be mailed to the Winner’s home address or the Chapter President’s. The name of the Winner will also be engraved on a Commemorative Plaque which will be displayed in the Tuskegee Airmen Office, Tuskegee, Alabama. Lastly, all submissions must be received and/or postmarked no later than 30 June 2021.

**Nomination criteria:**

To be eligible, the candidate must have actively served as the Chapter’s Youth Chair/Director for 2-years or more. All nominations must be received by 30 June of each year. Nominations are acceptable via Chapter Members in Good Financial Standing. Self-nominations are Acceptable. Packets submitted must reflect 2-signatures (and TAIN) of Chapter Members in Good Financial Standing on the attached Cover Letter. [Note: maximum 2-3 pages]

**Judging/Evaluation Criteria (100 Points): Leadership (35)/Planning (25)/Innovation (20)/Youth Growth (20)**

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| **Evaluation Criteria** | **Explanation** | **Value** |
| Leadership | Actions must have directly impacted Youths and involved 3-4 Adults to serve as Helpers? Participated in and/or completed a non-profit Youth certification or other degreed program in the past 2-years | **35** |
| Planning | Conducted STEM/STEAM events and 1-2 field trips serving to expose Youths to the value of an education and career fields within their grasps? | **25** |
| Innovation | Events/Activities executed for the first time or new elements introduced in a mature Youth Program that excited Youths/Parents participation? | **20** |
| Youth Growth | Share Youth Programming/Goal(s) to increase and/or sustain Youth participation to continue the proud legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen? | **20** |
| **Total** | | **100** |

Nomination packets must include the following (*note: all totaled, 2-3 pages maximum and a 5X8 photo*):

* 1-2 bulletized synopsis page of the ER Youth Chair/Director’s active role, responsibilities and significant accomplishments to grow the Chapter’s Youth Program over a 2-year period.
* Nomination Cover Letter (see attached fillable .pdf page), with Signatures (and TAIN) of two (2) Chapter Members about the Nominee who are and have been Members in Good Financial Standing of the Chapter for the past five (5) or more years.
* One 5x8 photograph of the nominated person (preferably digital so if it’s smaller, then it can be enlarged)

Please submit ER TAI Youth Chair/Director of the Year Leadership Award Nominees to [Magwood34@GMail.Com](mailto:Magwood34@GMail.Com) and [TJaySpann1@GMail.Com](mailto:TJaySpann1@GMail.Com). No printed copy needs to be mailed in.