



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
IN NEW JERSEY

2025 NEW JERSEY

Youth OF THE Year Finalists



Nadayser W.

Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City

Member for 2 years

Career Aspiration: Therapist

"I know who I am, so I know where I am going."



Valerie M.

Boys & Girls Club of Camden County

Member for 9 years

Career Aspiration: Criminal Attorney

"I am setting the precedent to show what it means to be resilient, empowered and passionate. Quiero ser la fuerza para mi comunidad. (I want to be the strength of my community.)"



Gian U.

Boys & Girls Club of Clifton

Member for 9 years

Career Aspiration: Aerospace/Mechanical Engineer

"The Boys & Girls Club of Clifton has been my second family--a family that has watched me grow, learn, and believed in me."

**Andranae` S.****Boys & Girls Clubs of Cumberland County**

Member for 2 years

Career Aspiration: Psychiatrist

"The Club taught me that the future starts with the person and that motivation is needed to thrive and get further in life."

**Kiara G.****Boys & Girls Club of Garfield**

Member for 8 years

Career Aspiration: Attorney

"When I first joined the Boys & Girls Club, I was just looking for a place to belong. What I found was a community that helped me grow, build confidence, and discover the leader within me."

**Destiny D.****Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne**

Member for 12 years

Career Aspiration: Financial Planner

"The Club isn't just about meetings and events; it's about the friendships, lessons and memories that stay with you long after. "



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Cianni E.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Hudson County

Member for 3 years

Career Aspiration: Animator/Graphic Designer

"The Club has helped me open my wings and fly like a butterfly. I learned to leave my comfort zone and expand and explore my world."



Faith M.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County

Member for 9 years

Career Aspiration: Forensic Scientist

"The Boys & Girls Club is a place full of chances and opportunities."



Johnnie E.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County

Member for 6 years

Career Aspiration: Broadcaster

"The Boys and Girls Club of Mercer County has been essential to my growth and development."



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Rebecca L.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Monmouth County

Member for 4 years

Career Aspiration: Nurse

"I don't fit into boxes. I create my own world and invite the bold to join me."



Precious A.

Boys & Girls Club of Newark

Member for 8 years

Career Aspiration: Data Scientist

"I've been at my Club for over 8 years now and I still feel so drawn to come back. This is my safe place! "



Jake D.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest New Jersey

Member for 10 years

Career Aspiration: Chiropractor

"Leadership isn't just about being commanding. It is about the strength and character it takes to stand your ground in the face of adversity."



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Jessica N.

Boys & Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic

Member for 4 years

Career Aspiration: Congresswoman

"The Boys & Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic works hard every day to bring light to our community that is often clouded with darkness; I am grateful that I can be part of these efforts to engage with my town."



Jeremiah D.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County

Member for 3 years

Career Aspiration: Children & Family Therapist

"Leadership is not about being perfect. It is about growth, resilience and lifting others up."



Symirerah P.

Fort Dix Youth Programs

Member for 2 years

Career Aspiration: Airman in Air Force

"Make a good mark wherever you go."



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Briahnee C.
McGuire Youth Programs

Member for 2 years

Career Aspiration: Lawyer

“The first step to helping yourself is improving your environment.”

Congratulations

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