



**Minnesota Women of Today
2023-2024 Fall State CIP
Youth of Today SPM
“Building Their Future”**

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Hello Minnesota Women of Today Members,

Wow! Our summer has come to an end, and so has our First Trimester! I have heard from many chapters about all of the wonderful activities and projects you have done during the trimester. I am so impressed with the work you have done for youth. I can’t believe the effort and creativity that you all have put into your projects. I can truly see that your hearts are in it!

Many chapters have hit the ground running and are off to the second trimester. I know that many more chapters are planning to be off and running second trimester. I look forward to all of your involvement with Youth of Today activities. As you know I have a special place in my heart for kids. After all- we were all one ourselves!

As you may recall, my emphasis area is “homeless youths”. I have found out from your reports that many of our members also have a great desire to help these young people. I am thankful that so many of you have been doing it already. I believe that it’s important to know that the problem exists, however, you never know the full extent until you become involved. So many chapters have become involved and have met the challenges I offered for the first trimester. I am so impressed that all of my challenges were met!

In Friendship,
Sandy

Fast Starts: Congratulations to the eight individuals who completed their Youth of Today LPM Fast Starts.

Sarah Midas-Rice	Brianna Wolbeck-Albany
Sue McKeague-Maple Grove	Amber Schramel-St. Cloud
Sarah Sundine-Monticello	Lisa Hahn-Sauk Rapids
Michelle Cloutier-District 8	Jeny Ohr-Coon Rapids

Kid’s Week Events: Thank you so much to the following chapters who held kid’s week events and notified me. There will be a drawing at Fall Convention for 3 baskets.

Monticello	Brainard Lakes Area	Warroad Area	Aitkin	Fairmont
New Hope	Albany	Avon	St. Joseph	Anoka
Duluth	St. Cloud	Sauk Rapids	Burnsville	Fridley

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Tri 2 Presidential Bonus Points

- Submit a nomination for the Outstanding Young Adult, Lois M Christensen Women Who Impact Award, or Outstanding Person with Determination Award by November 1 (50 pts)
- Donation to the Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship Fund \$25 or more by or on behalf of a chapter (25 points)
- Submit Trimester Programming Report (25 points)
- For the full Presidential BONUS points, see President or CMVP CIP. For more information on SUCCESS, see CMVP CIP or www.mnwt.org under Success System Helpful Hints.

Trimester Webinar Night – October 25th

6:00 pm: Extending a New Chapter; 6:30 pm -Programming Pick Me Up; 7:00 pm - ROAR Roundtable.

OYA Scholarship

The Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship is a yearly honor awarded to a young individual who is making contributions to their community. The submitted nominee must be in the 11th or 12th grade and display abilities in service, growth, and fellowship. The form to complete the guidelines is on the MNWT webpage under the YT section. If you have difficulties finding it, let me know and I will send it directly to you. You may submit as many nominees as you would like, however, each submission has a fee of \$25.00. This fee goes into the scholarship fund. As SPM of YT, I have set a goal of \$700.00 this year to increase the fund. I will be selling hats at Fall & Winter Convention to help reach or exceed my goal. A chapter donation of \$25.00 or more will give your chapter “Success” points during 2nd tri. Your chapter will also be entered in a drawing at Winter Convention. **My goal is to receive 6 scholarship nominations.** So please put some serious thought into submitting an OYA nomination. **Submission deadline is November 1st.** A complete submission includes: Nomination Information Sheet, Outstanding Young Adult Resume, three letters (one from the nominee, one from the chapter and one letter of support from outside the chapter/letter of recommendation) and a \$25 nomination fee. Nominations must be EMAILED to the Awards Committee Chair. Plan ahead because this nomination takes a little time to complete, but it is very worthwhile!!

Homeless Youth in Minnesota:

It is estimated that 6,000 youths experience homelessness on any given night in Minnesota. About half of these youths live in the Twin Cities area. It is important to promote community awareness regarding child homelessness. It is suggested that schools might take on more responsibility to ensure that homeless children are receiving their basic needs. Empowering communities and schools to look at the positive impact they could have on homeless children can be a determining factor on how well a child recovers from homelessness. The struggles of homeless children can be defined as having no home or permanent place of residence. Homelessness interrupts and destroys many families. Children are not given a choice to be homeless. They are

Important Dates

- Women of Today Week -- Sept. 24-30
- Trimester Webinar Night -- Oct.25
- Make a Difference Day -- Oct.28
- Women Who Impact, Outstanding Young Adult, Person with Determination nominations due EMAILED to Awards Committee Chair -- Nov. 1, 2023
- Outstanding Program Manager Nominees due to PVP for 2nd tri---Jan. 2, 2024
- Project of the Trimester due to SPM----Jan. 2, 2024
- 2nd Trimester Programming Reports due to PVP—Jan.2
- Winter State Convention --- Jan.26-27, 2024

placed in these situations because of their families. They are the victims of homelessness. For a child it is more than a loss of a home, rather it affects them in every aspect of life. It can have a positive and/ or negative affect on them throughout their lives. The most stable environment that a homeless child may have is school.

Sandy's Trimester Challenges

1. Submit a nominee for the Outstanding Young Adult Award. (Drawing at Winter State for chapter's who submit OYA)
2. Make a donation of \$25.00 or more to the OYA scholarship fund. Drawing for State Store Gift Card at Winter State.
3. Volunteer to do a chapter service project at a youth homeless shelter. This can include donating your time, a meal, donate needed items, or a donation of money. Please send me an email telling me what your chapter did, the date, and how many participated. Chapter incentives will be given.
4. Request a Holiday wish list from a local youth shelter and collect & donate items from the list. Please send me an email about your holiday experience.

* I will be looking for **Outstanding Program Managers for Youth of Today for 2nd trimester**. I encourage your Programming Vice President or Chapter President to consider nominating you for your excellent leadership in Youth of Today!! Nominations due Jan. 2, 2024 to PVP. Don't hesitate to submit a YT LPM who you feel is Outstanding!

Projects of the Trimester for 2nd. trimester are due on January 2, 2024 to SPM.

The following chapters submitted a **Youth of Today Project of the Trimester for Trimester 1.**

This is a very impressive list of projects!! It is amazing! Keep up the great work!

Chapter	Submitter	Project
Anoka	Rachal Mueller	Royal Ambassador Program
St Joseph	Jenise Teske	Bike Safety for Kids
Brainard Lks.	Becky Hale	Kids Night with WT
Warroad Area	Carolyn Fortier	Kids Week 2023
Sauk Rapids	Lisa Hahn	School Supply Donation
Sauk Rapids	Lisa Hahn	Kiddie Parade
Coon Rapids	Jenny Ohr	Hope 4 Youth Donation Drive
Aitkin	Leslie Goble	Toy Bingo
Fridley	Kathy Rodel Mezzenga	Kid's Book Give Away
New Hope	Rita Johnson	Safari at the Zoo
New Hope	Rita Johnson	Youth Hygiene Bag Assembly & Social
Burnsville	Pat Larson	School Supply Drive
Burnsville	Pat Larson	Bed Build/Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Avon	Arlene Feldwerd	NNO -National Night Out
Monticello	Sarah Sundine	Project Pencils
Fairmont	Kaitlin Bormann	Gas for Grads
Rice	Sarah Midas	Annual Bike Rodeo

Facebook

Are you following the Facebook page for the Programming areas? If you have not liked this, I encourage you to give it a like. You will receive useful information regarding programming. This is a shared site by all Programming areas. I will post Youth of Today happenings on Friday. I welcome Youth of Today pictures, projects, and activities to post and share!