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## U.S. Congress to Honor Youth Nationwide with Congressional Award Gold Medal

- What** Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives will recognize 442 youth across 41 states at the **2018 Congressional Award Gold Medal Ceremony** in Washington, D.C.
- For a minimum of two years, each Gold Medalist has logged at least 800 hours across four program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. The 2018 Gold Medal class is the largest in the program's 39 year history.
- Where** Three award ceremonies will take place in the historic **Kennedy Caucus Room**, located in the Russell Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill.
- When** **Thursday, June 21, 2018**
- 10:00 a.m. | Ceremony One**  
Arizona, Georgia, Guam, Idaho, Illinois, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.
- 12:30 p.m. | Ceremony Two**  
California, Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, Texas.
- 3:00 p.m. | Ceremony Three**  
Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.
- Who** Approximately 1,000 attendees, including Members of Congress, youth Gold Medalists and family/friends, corporate and community leaders, and partnering organizations.
- The ceremony will welcome special guests like **ABC's Jonathan Karl** as Master of Ceremonies and **Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi**.
- Media Information** Gold Medalist contact information and award biographies are available upon request. Learn more at [www.congressionalaward.org](http://www.congressionalaward.org). A list of Gold Medalists can be found [here](#).

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*The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress' only charity and the highest honor bestowed upon a young person through the Senate and House. Established by Congress as a public-private partnership in 1979 under Public Law 96-114, the program recognizes initiative, service, and achievement in youth ages 13 ½ - 23.*