



2018 Youth Scholarship Awards

Who we are: The Active Transportation Alliance is a non-profit organization with more than 7,000 members advocating to improve conditions for biking, walking and transit in the Chicago region. Active Trans produces the Boulevard Lakefront Tour to raise funds for our work in Chicagoland.

When: Sunday, August 12, 2018; starts 7:00 - 9:30am; www.BLTride.org

What: Complimentary registrations for Boulevard Lakefront Tour granted to local **youth development non-profit organizations and community groups** so that youths (17 years of age and younger) and chaperones who would not otherwise have the means to participate in our event may enjoy the ride.

Why: To recognize 100 outstanding qualified youth group and organization members.

How: This award is conferred on the youths who best demonstrate their potential use of the bicycle as an energy-efficient, economical and nonpolluting form of transportation and as a healthy and enjoyable form of recreation. It is not necessary for applicants to have experience with bicycles, only the enthusiasm to participate.

Groups are encouraged to apply together in one application. Ideally one adult chaperone will apply to participate with 3-4 youth interested in participating – example: 4 adults with 12 youth.

Riders must bring their own bicycles or plan to rent them. Groups must also provide their own transportation to and from event.

Applicant organizations must write a one-page letter explaining why their group deserves the scholarship, and how they can/want to become active in the Chicagoland bicycle community.

In the application be sure to highlight:

- A proven record of excellence by the organization and its youth
- Extra-curricular activities and/or other event participation.

Please send your letter to Maureen Stern, Active Trans' Event Manager at maureen@activetrans.org

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis – so send them in. The sooner the better! The last day that applications will be considered is August 1, 2018.

Winners will be contacted within a week of their application and receive instructions for completing complimentary online registration. **Every participant is required to register online in advance of the ride and have a waiver signed by their parent or guardian via www.BLTride.org**