

FACTS ABOUT “YOUTH SALUTE”

The National Council on Youth Leadership is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1976 and dedicated to the belief that the recognition we give to young men and women today serves as a powerful inspiration that can shape their behavior in tomorrow’s world. The Central Kentucky Council on Youth Leadership has been affiliated with the national council since 1981.

The purpose of the **Central Kentucky Council on Youth Leadership** is to honor high school juniors who have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average through the end of their sophomore year and have held two leadership roles to which they were chosen by their peers or an adult leader within the past two years in school, religious or community sponsored organizations. The council helps young people grow into responsible adults by encouraging, recognizing and developing leadership.

Celebrating 45 years of “Youth Salute”!

The Central Kentucky Council on Youth Leadership has recognized **over 28,301** outstanding youth leaders from **64 area high schools** during the past 45 years in a program known as “Youth Salute”.

Youth Salute Activities

- * Local leadership program for all students
- * Awards ceremony for all students

Youth Salute Recognitions

- * Photographic banner display in high school
- * Photographic digital graphics
- * Local & regional media and newspaper recognition**

Youth Salute Awards Presented at Awards Ceremony

- * Award certificates for all students
- * Award medallions for outstanding Youth Leader from each high school
- * One Central Kentucky Youth Leader of the Year
- * One Lexington Youth Leader of the Year
- * Four Scholarships for the National Leadership Conference called “Town Meeting on Tomorrow”
- * \$112,000 in College Scholarships and other awards

The Council Reaches Out to the Community

- * Creating public awareness of youth leadership potential
- * Encouraging community involvement in developing future leaders