

# Yale Book Award Guidelines

## Yale Club of New Hampshire

The Yale Book Award is a way for local Yale clubs to recognize high school students at the end of their junior year who have "outstanding personal character and intellectual promise." Club members are asked to adopt a school and work with the guidance department there to select a student who meets some set of criteria that the member will establish. The Yale Club of New Hampshire has given an increased number of awards in recent years and would like to continue to extend the program to as many schools as possible.

The proposed procedure will work as follows:

- A Club member will talk with the guidance office at one or more local high schools.
- The member will have outlined a set of criteria in the spirit of "outstanding personal character and intellectual promise". The member should describe the criteria to the guidance office and then work with them to select the recipient. The criteria could include specific aspects of personal character, such as volunteerism, exemplary work ethic, demonstrated leadership in the classroom and in school activities, etc. Intellectual promise would not only be reflected in high academic standing but also in a student's taking initiative outside the classroom to broaden his or her learning; it could also be demonstrated as specific talents in art, music, literature, etc. For example, my criteria are: "outstanding personal character as demonstrated by leadership in service to school or community, and intellectual promise that is sparked by a passion for knowledge".
- The member and the guidance counselor will agree on an approach to selecting the student, most likely by the guidance department alone, although the member may participate if the school is open to it.
- If the school is unwilling to accept the guidelines that we provide, the member can choose not to pursue the matter any further. The school's policies should not be allowed to detract from the award by distorting the intent of our selection principles.
- When the student is selected, the member orders an appropriate book from the list provided by the AYA at <http://yalepress.yale.edu/yupbooks/bookawardsoffer.asp>. The selection of the book may be relevant in some way to the student's interests, or the member might seek to offer some work that has the potential to open the student's eyes to a field of learning not yet explored. The member is expected to pay for the book. Call Yale Club of New Hampshire book award coordinator for the code that will entitle you to the discounted book price. In 2015 the code is YBA15.
- The member also orders the book award bookplate from the AYA. The member will fill in the recipients name and affix the bookplate to the book. The order form is at <http://aya.yale.edu/content/bookplate-order-form>
- Ideally the member should be present at the award ceremony at which the book is given to the student. In keeping with Yale's desire for the event to carry a high degree

of prestige and visibility, the member should give a brief speech about the student and the award when presenting it.

- The member should keep the Yale Club of N.H.'s book award coordinator informed every step of the way, including the decision to become a book award presenter, the selection of a school, the award recipient's name, the book awarded, and the date when the presentation takes place. The coordinator is Frederick Calcinari '80 of Kensington, N.H. at [fred.calcinari@icloud.com](mailto:fred.calcinari@icloud.com).

The books available for the program are from the Yale University Press. They cover a wide range of topics. You should be able to find something suitable regardless of the student's or your interest. The complete list is at

<http://yalepress.yale.edu/yupbooks/bookawardsoffer.asp>

Detailed information about the book award is available at this site:

<http://aya.yale.edu/content/yale-book-award-information>

As mentioned above, the success of this program depends on Club members volunteering to work with local high school guidance departments and committing themselves to adhere to all the duties involved. Our successful execution of the program will help paint the Club and Yale in a favorable light and may influence some outstanding students in our state to consider a college career in New Haven.