






Military Community and Family Policy Fact Sheet

Data

-  *Youth centers on military installations offer many of the same club programs as traditional clubs and are available to more than 450,000 military children.*
-  *The military partnership makes up 10 percent of the Boys & Girls Clubs' affiliation.*
-  *Since 2003, the Boys & Girls Clubs have provided millions of dollars in resources, support, grants and scholarships to military youth and youth programs.*

Additional Information

Boys & Girls Clubs of America
<http://www.bgca.org/meetourpartners/Pages/MilitaryPartnership.aspx>

Military Youth of the Year

Background

For more than two decades, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America have partnered with the Department of Defense to provide nationally recognized, evidence-based programming for thousands of military youth around the world. Established in 1947, Youth of the Year is the Boys & Girls Clubs' premier, national-recognition program for club members, promoting service to club, community and family; academic success; strong moral character; life goals; and poise and public speaking. The Boys & Girls Clubs sponsor a Military Youth of the Year competition in addition to the overall National Youth of the Year award.

Highlights

- State winners of the Military Youth of the Year each receive a \$5,000 scholarship and participate in regional competitions. Six military regional winners each receive a \$10,000 scholarship, renewable for four years up to \$40,000, and compete for the title of National Military Youth of the Year.
- The National Military Youth of the Year winner is announced at an awards ceremony in Washington, District of Columbia, in September and receives a one-time \$20,000 scholarship.
- The National Military Youth of the Year serves a one-year term as the military youth spokesperson for the Department of Defense, the military services and the Boys & Girls Clubs.
- The winner of the National Military Youth of the Year also goes on to compete in the Boys & Girls Clubs' National Youth of the Year competition.
- The National Youth of the Year receives a \$25,000 scholarship, renewable for four years up to \$100,000.

