Background on the Wellesley Service League:

The Wellesley Service League traces its roots back to the fall of 1927, when ten young women of Wellesley decided to organize their efforts to provide volunteer service to the community. The Service League originally concentrated its efforts on assisting the Wellesley Friendly Aid Association in several of its projects. Within one year, the League's membership increased to forty members, and service encompassed two enduring themes: Youth and Education; and HealthCare and the Elderly. Today the Wellesley Service League has between 75-80 active members and on average they provide more than 5,000 hours of service each year through their dedication and hard work. The growth in our reach of service has been consistent with the Founders' original charter of providing volunteer services to cultural, educational and other charitable organizations that serve the Town of Wellesley. We are proud of our contribution to the community and are committed to adapting to its changing needs in the future. WSL provides volunteer services to the following community organizations: Barton Road Boys and Girls clubs, Charles River Art and Music Therapy, Charles River Day Support, Dish and Deliver, Men's Group Program, Library Services, Tolles Parson Center, Newton Wellesley Hospital Thrift Shop, Food Pantry, Wellesley Symphony Orchestra, Flu Clinics, Toy Shop, Friendship Circle and Wellesley Historical Society.

Centennial Youth Service Award

The Wellesley Service League has presented the annual Centennial Youth Service Award for the last 35 years. This award is given by the League for outstanding volunteer service, preferably in our community. The applicant should be a Wellesley resident, completing his or her senior year in high school, who has demonstrated unusual dedication and selflessness in a volunteer capacity. Ideally, this service has been performed in the immediate area. Our mission is to not only recognize outstanding volunteer service among our youth but also to encourage the spirit of volunteerism in our community. Wellesley Service League will name up to two recipients this year. Recipients will receive a $1,500 award from Wellesley Service League and their names will be engraved on a permanent plaque that hangs in the Wellesley Community Center.

How to apply:

1. Fill out the **Centennial Youth Service Award application** below.
2. **Mentor recommendation**: Please ask someone who has supervised you in the specific volunteer service that you are writing about to write your recommendation. (Mentor recommendation form attached below.)
3. The **application deadline** for the Centennial Youth Service Award is **March 31, 2020.**
4. Please have your application sent to: **Kim Celi, Wellesley Service League, 1 Kenilworth Circle, Wellesley, MA 02482 or email to kim@celi.com.**

   Children of Active members of WSL or WSL Executive Board are ineligible to apply.

Wellesley Service League Centennial Youth Service Award

Application

Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone:_____ Email address:_____

School and Grade:_____ Age:_____

Parents' or Guardians' Name:_____

Please write a detailed description of a volunteer experience that was particularly meaningful for you and why. Please list the organization, address and corresponding dates of volunteer experience below. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to your application. Feel free to list any other volunteer activity that you have done too.

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Mentor/Supervisor Recommendation Form

Name:_____

Email:_____ Phone:_____

Recommendation for: _____

Please write a brief recommendation detailing your experience working with or supervising the applicant. Ideally we would like to know about his or her commitment to the volunteer service, how much time was devoted to the service and the impact he or she had on the service. If necessary, attach an additional sheet. Once completed, please mail it directly to: **Kim Celi, Wellesley Service League, 1 Kenilworth Circle, Wellesley, MA 02482 or email to kim@celi.com.**

Deadline is: March 31, 2020

Thank you!