

MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR® AWARDS



2021 Award Recipients

Innovation Award: Emma Remley	Air Force: Nyah Gray
Army: Caleb Pipes	Coast Guard: Liam Cooper
Marine Corps: Eleanor David	National Guard: Elise Puliafico
Navy: Dasia Bandy	Space Force: Joshua Wouden

The accomplishments of our 2021 group, like all our previous winners, is in a word – impressive.

This year's award recipients all exemplify the spirit of selfless service that not only improves lives in their communities but also offers hope for our future. They have moved a combined 35 times, they have lived through 250 months of deployment, logged over 2,000 volunteer hours in the past 12 months. These young men and women demonstrate the courage to overcome obstacles to make a positive difference in their communities. Four of them are National Honor Society members, two are taking college courses, one is a Rubik's Cube whiz, one is a NASA Texas High School Aerospace Scholar, and one is an Eagle Scout who also beat cancer.

We congratulate the 2021 Military Child of the Year Award recipients and look forward to all you will accomplish in your lives.

OVERVIEW

Operation Homefront's Military Child of the Year® Awards celebrate and recognize the tremendous achievements of military children. There are approximately 2 million children under 18 with a parent on active duty or serving in the National Guard, all with unique stories and accomplishments.

Annually, Operation Homefront honors eight outstanding children, one from each service branch, including the National Guard and Coast Guard, as well as an Innovation award recipient.

We have a distinguished panel of judges each year who help us to select the award recipients and, in addition, we are honored by the dignitaries and special guests who have joined us to celebrate over the years, including: former first lady Michelle Obama, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) Gen. Joseph Dunford, former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman and retired Gen. Martin Dempsey, former NFL player Jason Brown, Fox News congressional correspondent Mike Emanuel, singer-songwriter and philanthropist Bret Michaels, ESPN analyst and former MLB player Chris Singleton, actor and writer David Hoffman, country music singer Brennley Brown, and country music group King Calaway. We are also joined on this special evening by many of our partners and donors.

AT A GLANCE

Who is eligible?	Award recipients are between the ages of 13-18 at the time of application, and demonstrate resilience, strength of character, and the ability to thrive in the face of the various challenges inherent to military life. These young heroes embody leadership within their families and communities.
What recipients receive	Winners receive a \$10,000 cash award, a laptop computer, and are flown with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C. for a special gala in their honor.

RESULTS

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AWARD RECIPIENTS
HONORED SINCE 2009

WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The Military Child of the Year Awards have been made possible through the support of **Booz Allen Hamilton, Carnival Cruise Line, David Hoffman, Johns Hopkins Healthcare, PNC, Pratt & Whitney, Military Times, University of Cincinnati Online, Veterans United Foundation, and Wyndham Hotels and Resorts.**

If interested in supporting the Military Child of the Year Awards or to learn more, please visit OperationHomefront.org/military-child-of-the-year.

PROGRAM EFFICIENCY

90%

of Operation Homefront's expenditures go directly to programs supporting military families.

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