



# American Youth Policy Forum

Dear Youth Advocate and Young Person:

The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) and Samuel Halperin Family are sponsoring the **2022 Samuel Halperin Youth Public Service Award** to recognize youth ages 18 to 26 who demonstrate the spirit of and commitment to public service and who have faced and overcome barriers and challenges to success. **The award will be presented at the Samuel Halperin Lecture on September 12, 2022.**

The Lecture and Youth Public Service Award serve as an **ongoing tribute to Samuel Halperin**, who dedicated his career to advancing education, workforce, and youth policy to improve the life outcomes for youth experiencing systemic inequities, as well as personally mentoring and supporting many youth and young adults in their careers in public service. More information on Samuel Halperin's life and accomplishments is enclosed.

**Youth ages 18-26 are invited to apply by submitting an essay describing their commitment to and involvement in public service, as well as how public service has helped them overcome barriers and challenges they may face.** Youth are encouraged to describe the youth program that helped them become engaged in public service and/or that has provided support to them. Youth are also asked to address how they will stay involved with public service in the future. Please see enclosed more details about the essay guidelines.

The Samuel Halperin Family will select one essay. The winner will receive a cash prize of **\$1,500** and be asked to **read his/her/their essay or make a short presentation about the essay** at the Lecture event on September 12. A runner up may be designated as well.

The **deadline** for submitting an essay is **5:00 pm ET on Monday, June 6, 2022.**

**Questions?** Please email us at [aypf@aypf.org](mailto:aypf@aypf.org). Thank you!

Sincerely,

Stephanie McGencey, Ph.D., MPH  
Executive Director, AYPF



# 2022 Samuel Halperin Youth Public Service Award

**WIN A CASH AWARD of \$1,500** and an opportunity to read your essay at the Samuel Halperin Lecture, attended by education, workforce, and youth policy leaders from across the nation on September 12, 2022.

**What:** An award to recognize youth who demonstrate the spirit of and commitment to public service and who have faced barriers and challenges to success but overcome them.

**Who Is Eligible:** Young people, ages 18-26

**Applications Due:** 5:00 pm ET, Monday, June 6, 2022

**Review of Applications:** June 7-July 8, 2022

**Notification of Award Winner:** Friday, July 15, 2022

**Award Presentation:** The winner of the award is expected to attend and read their essay at the Samuel Halperin Lecture on Monday, September 12, 2022.

**How to Apply:** Complete the attached cover sheet and your essay, then submit both documents to **[aypf@aypf.org](mailto:aypf@aypf.org)** by 5:00 pm ET on Monday, June 6, 2022.

**Essay Format:** Must be typed, double-spaced, size 12 standard font, 1" margins, MS Word Document. Recommended length: 750-1,000 words.



## Questions to Consider Answering in Your Essay

How do you think education, public service, and community engagement improve the health and growth of a community? In what ways have you been able to strengthen, enrich, and invest in your community through education and service? What specific, positive changes have come about in your own life because of your commitment to prioritizing service to your community? How will you carry this impact forward? What steps have you taken to position yourself for a continued investment or career in public service?

Include a paragraph with personal information about your background and qualities, any youth programs with which you are or have been involved, and any information that you would like to share with the judges.

# Samuel Halperin

## 1930-2014

Dr. Samuel Halperin was a widely respected national education policymaker for over six decades. As US Assistant Commissioner of Education for Legislation in the Lyndon B. Johnson administration, he was one of the chief architects of the landmark Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. As Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, he was also the Johnson Administration's principal liaison to Capitol Hill for the Higher Education Act of 1965 and a dozen other groundbreaking education laws.



From 1969 to 1981, he led The George Washington University's Institute for Educational Leadership and its professional development and fellowship programs operating in over 35 states. As study director of the William T. Grant Foundation Commission on Work, Family and Citizenship (1986-1993), he co-wrote the influential 1988 reports, *The Forgotten Half: Non-College Youth in America* and *Pathways to Success for America's Youth and Young Families*. "The Forgotten Half," a phrase he coined, refers to the majority of America's young people who do not complete high school or pursue career-related postsecondary education, and who consequently face dim economic and social futures.

Halperin founded the Institute for Educational Leadership and later, the American Youth Policy Forum, both professional development organizations for policymakers in education and employment training to bridge the gap between research, policy, and practice in education, workforce, and youth development, including preparation for employment and national and community service.

Halperin was the author or editor of a dozen books on the political process and educational policy issues and over one hundred articles. He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from Washington University St. Louis in 1956 and, over his career, taught at Wayne State, American, Duke, and Columbia Universities.

Over the years, Halperin served as a director or advisory board member of over 50 nonprofit organizations, including the US Peace Corps, Secretary of the Navy's Board of Education and Training, Center for Youth as Resources, Associates for Renewal in Education, DC Commission on National Service, Learning Matters on PBS, Council for the Advancement of Adult Literacy, and American Friends of the Israel National Council for the Child.

Halperin was twice awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps, the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award of Jobs for the Future, Presidents' Medal of the George Washington University, Harry S. Truman Award of the American Association of Community Colleges, and Lewis Hine Award to Children and Youth of the National Child Labor Committee.



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# COVER SHEET

**(Due June 6, 2022)**

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone / Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Program Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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How Did You Hear About This Award?

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