



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMEBACK KID ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Bronx, New York, February 18, 2026 - Bronx Community Board No. 8 is pleased to announce that it is accepting nominations for the Comeback Kid Achievement Award.

The Youth Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 established the Comeback Kid Achievement Award to acknowledge students that have overcome challenges and demonstrated improvement over a period of time. It is the Committee's belief that by recognizing student participants in community-based organizations, schools, or community centers, it can reward those youth who are working hard to improve their future and are deserving of recognition and support.

NOMINATION CRITERIA:

The Youth Committee will receive nominees from community-based organizations, schools, or community centers in the district area that follow the nomination criteria and guidelines to be used in the nomination process of the Comeback Kid Achievement Award:

1. Recipients must be nominated by a community-based organization, school, or community center in the Bronx Community Board No. 8 area.
2. A completed nomination form submitted by community-based organization, school, or community center recommending a student for the Award. Included in the Form shall be:
 - a. Name, date of birth, address, zip code and telephone/cell number
 - b. Rationale and description of Nominee's demonstrated success in overcoming challenges;
 - c. Student Nominee narrative, approximately 100 words, addressing the students' success in overcoming challenges;
 - d. Resume of Nominee indicating education level, voluntary and or extracurricular activities, hobbies, interests, programs attended, etc...) prepared by Nominee by deadline;
 - e. One (1) reference in support of the application, from teachers/guidance counselors, coaches, club advisors, previous employers, family friends, or neighbors) who can vouch for your good character and who have known you for at least six months.
3. Award recipients will be finalized by the Youth Committee.
4. Signatures of community-based organization, school, or community center, Youth Committee Chair and Bronx Community Board No. 8 District Manager and Chairperson required.

Applicants are required to submit their completed Nomination Form, resume, and letter of support to Bronx Community Board No. 8 by **Friday, April 17, 2026**.

Submit nominations by email or by regular postal mail:

- By email to: bx08@cb.nyc.gov

Subject "CKAA 2026"

- By mail to: Bronx Community Board 8, 5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100 Bronx, NY 10471, Attn: Comeback Kid Achievement Award Nomination

- A form application is available at <https://tinyurl.com/cb8-cbkaa-2026> or on our website at <https://cbbronx.cityofnewyork.us/cb8/>.

Awards will be presented at the June 2026 Regular monthly Board meeting.

For any further information regarding this press release, please contact the board office at 718-884-3959 or email bx08@cb.nyc.gov.

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Youth Committee's Comeback Kid Achievement Award NOMINATION FORM 2026

Eligibility: *The Comeback Kid Achievement Award is for ANY young person who is at least 13 years of age and has not yet had their 24th birthday. Participants may register when they are 12 ½ years old. All goals must be completed by their 24th birthday. Any young person under the age of 12 ½ does not yet qualify for award.*

1. NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Apt/Floor/Suite: _____

City: **BRONX** State: **NY** Zip Code: _____

Telephone/Cell No. _____

Email Address: _____

2. NOMINEE LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Telephone/Cell No. _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

3. NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Office Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

NOTE: This section is to be completed by the NOMINATOR

1. Nominee’s narrative, approximately 100 words, addressing the nominee’s success in overcoming challenges (academic, personal, athletic etc.)

2. Rationale and Description of Nominee’s demonstrated success in overcoming challenge(s):

- **NOMINEE RESUME** - To nominate someone for the Comeback Kid Award, please submit a completed and signed form along with a resume of the nominee. The resume should include the nominee's education level, volunteer history, extracurricular activities, programs attended, and any previous awards received. The nominee must prepare their own resume and submit the completed form and resume before the deadline.
- **LETTER OF SUPPORT** - Attach one (1) reference in support of the application, from teachers, guidance counselors, coaches, club advisors, previous employers, family friends, or neighbors, who have known you for at least six months and can vouch for your character.

NOMINATOR SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINT NAME

TITLE & ORGANIZATION/AGENCY NAME

NOTE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

EXTENDED DEADLINE: **April 17, 2026**

SEND IN PDF FORMAT BY EMAIL TO: **bx08@cb.nyc.gov**

SUBJECT LINE: **Attn: CBKAA 2026**

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NOMINEE NAME _____

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NOMINEE RESUME PROVIDED

LETTER OF SUPPORT PROVIDED

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COMMITTEE REVIEW COMPLETE

BOARD CHAIRPERSON REVIEW COMPLETE

DISTRICT MANAGER REVIEW COMPLETE

• NOMINEE APPROVED TO BE 2026 RECIPIENT •

BXCB8 YOUTH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

Caesar Tobar Acosta

Date: _____

BXCB8 CHAIRPERSON:

Julie Reyes

Date: _____

BXCB8 DISTRICT MANAGER:

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