



## Marine Corps League Department of Connecticut



### Samuel K. Beamon Young Marine of the Year Program for 2026

The Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League is now accepting applications for the 2026 Samuel K. Beamon Young Marine of the Year Program. Young Marines who belong to a Connecticut Young Marines Unit, that is registered and headquartered in the State of Connecticut, regardless of their Battalion or Regimental affiliation, may submit as many qualified Young Marines as they have, to be considered for selection as the Department of Connecticut Samuel L. Beamon Young Marine of the Year.

To be considered as the Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League Young Marine of the Year, the Young Marine must meet the following minimum requirements.

1. The submitted Young Marine must be a member in good standing for a period of one year past recruit training, current on DDR hours, and have a current PFT score.
2. The submitted Young Marine must be the rank of PFC or higher.
3. The submitting Unit Commander must write a letter of qualification stating that each submitted Young Marine meets the criteria set forth in this notice. This letter is to be signed by both the Unit Commander and the Unit Executive Officer. If the submitted YM is related to either the Unit Commander or the Executive Officer, the unit's Adjutant or Female Staff Advisor will sign the recommendation. This letter is to be completed for each Young Marine submitted.
4. The Young Marine candidate must complete an essay with the prompt.

*Having been selected as the Department of CT Samuel L. Beamon Young Marine of the Year, I will focus my efforts for the following year on .....*

The essay will be:

- No longer than one page (500-word max.)
  - Will have 1" margins.
  - Will be Times New Roman 12 font.
5. The submitted Young Marine will submit a resume outlining their Young Marine academic, athletic, and community service activities.
  6. The submitted Young Marine shall not be a high school senior.

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The completed packet for each Young Marine may be submitted electronically, or by mail. When using the U.S. Postal Service, packets should be registered return receipt to the address provided in this announcement and received on or before the date set forth in said announcement sent out to the Unit Commanders. Only one registered return receipt packet per unit is necessary.

When sending via email, each Young Marine package shall be sent separately. The email subject line shall be "CTYMOY 2026 Name of the Young Marine." Submissions should be received on or before the date set forth in this announcement. A return receipt email will be sent to the sender.

The Young Marine of the Year that is selected will be recognized at the Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League Convention during the business meeting, and again at the evening banquet dinner. The convention is typically held mid to late June each year.

The responsibilities of the selected Young Marine of the Year may include.

- Visits to local CT Marine Corps League Detachments to promote the Young Marine Program.
- Work with the Dept of CT MCL YM Liaison on various community activities and events.
- Attend any of the six bi-monthly Department of CT business meetings, when possible.
- Submit an article for any of the six bi-monthly Department of CT MCL Newsletters.

After the close of the submission time period, the Young Marine of the Year candidate packets will be reviewed by the Department of CT Marine Corps League YMOY Selection Committee. The Department of CT Young Marine Liaison will chair this committee. The committee members will be appointed by the Department of CT MCL Commandant at the February Department meeting (or by email if said meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather). The committee will consist of no less than three and no more than five Department of CT MCL members.

The committee will then meet to interview the Young Marine candidates, review the submitted Young Marine's essay, and review the Young Marine's resume. After said interviews and reviews, the committee will then select one Young Marine candidate as the 'Samuel L. Beamon Young Marine of the Year for the Department of Connecticut.' The committee will meet no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department of CT MCL convention to conduct this process.

The deadline for submitted candidates for the Samuel L. Beamon Young Marine of the Year for 2026 is April 1, 2026. Packets sent by U.S. Mail should use the following address:

Peter DePaola  
Dept of CT YM Liaison  
82 Wall Street  
Coventry, CT 06238

Packets sent electronically should use email: [pdepaolasr@gmail.com](mailto:pdepaolasr@gmail.com).

Questions about this year's program may be sent electronically to the above email or phone call to 860-478-6802.