



Dear Youth Awareness Chairman,

2025 - 2026 represents the 38th year of the Moose Youth Awareness Program, which has brought vital positive messages to the children across North America.

The 2025 - 2026 Moose Youth Awareness Program will follow a new format. We ask you to sponsor **at least two high school students** with recognized leadership skills. They will attend Association Youth Awareness Congresses to be held this fall. You as the Association Moose Youth Awareness Chairmen should be planning these sessions. The plans should include notifying MI of the exact date, time, location, registration fee and other pertinent information. We will also need the name of your Lodge Moose Youth Awareness Chairmen. A list of Chairmen is listed on the Moose International website in the Community Service section.

At Association Youth Awareness Congresses, the attendees will be challenged to complete a minimum of three Moose **KidsTalks** presentations to our targeted group of Kindergarten – 6th grade students by **December 31st**. Upon their return from the Association Congress, we ask you to assist the students in their **KidsTalks** presentations by helping to arrange sessions with the targeted age group if necessary, and to financially support them in purchasing materials they may need for their presentations. Throughout our history, thousands of Kindergarteners – 6th graders heard positive messages from our Moose **KidsTalks** presenters.

For your information, five of the students who are selected to attend the **2026 International Youth Awareness Congress**, to be held **April 16th – April 20, 2026 by the Arizona/New Mexico Moose Association** will receive either a \$12,000.00; \$8,000.00; \$6,000.00; \$5,000.00 or \$4,000.00 college scholarship. These scholarships are funded by the Moose Legion, The Degree of Service. Can your Lodge help put your community's youth on a path to healthy living? Can your Lodge implement or continue the **KidsTalks** program? For the sake of our youth and our next generation of leaders, the answer must be **YES!** To help you in this noble endeavor, we have made the 2025-26 Youth Awareness brochure and parental consent form available on the Moose International website, located under: **Communications / Form and Documents / Heart of the Community**.

NEW DATES PLEASE BE AWARE!!!

Association Congresses will be held

ONLY during the months of July, August, September, October.

Please send us the dates and locations for each Association Congress no later than, July 28 this will ensure that your information is posted on the Moose International website.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention to promoting this worthwhile program. Participation in the Youth Awareness program not only gets positive message and valuable lessons out to young children, it also serves to develop young leaders and shows the community the Moose's steadfast commitment to the welfare of children of all ages.

Both the association congress and the student using this method must be approved by the Heart of the Community coordinator at Moose International. Approval will be approved on an individual case basis or a blanket approval, depending on the circumstances.