Rules and judging Criteria.

- Nominations must be for a child or young person aged between 5 and 25 years of age on or before the closing date.
- Nominations must be for those making a contribution in either Kent or Medway.
- The nominees must be from the Black African or Caribbean community or mixed parentage communities of African or Caribbean descent or other diverse communities
- The achievement must comply with one of the categories stated.
- The judging panel will consist of MACA members and independent members.
- The closing date for applications is midnight on 21st September 2025
- Previous winners are not allowed to apply in the same category.
- In the event of a possible conflict of interest, the panel may decide that a judge cannot sit on the judging panel if a nominee is known to them.
- Nominations will be accepted from organisations, individuals, or families.
- The judging panel's decisions will be final.

Medway **African** & **Caribbean** Association

CHAMPIONING RACE, CULTURE & DIVERSITY FOR ALL

NOMINATION FORM Young Black Achievers Awards 2025

Medway African Caribbean Association will be recognising the achievements of Kent and Medway's young black and diverse generation with an award ceremony to be held in October. If you know a child or young person aged between 5 and 25 and would like to nominate them for an award, then please complete the online nomination form by

28th September 2026 Midnight

Judging Criteria

1 Achieving a positive outcome.

Nominations are welcome for young people who have made significant achievements or achieved a positive outcome by overcoming challenges or difficulties in their life in order to achieve a positive outcome

This may include:

- Disability or illness
- Previous young offender
- Marginalised through isolation, unemployment, or disengagement.
- Experience of being in the care system
- Or other

2. <u>Citizenship</u>

Nominations are encouraged for children or young people who have. taken pro-active or positive steps in their school or community to promote.

positive citizenship. This may include:

a. Taking an active part in school or youth councils
b. Volunteering in community activities
c. Helping friends / neighbours or others in need

<u>3 Education</u>

To be awarded to a child or young person who is achieving in education. This can include:

- A child or young person with special educational needs who is motivated and committed and has made good progress that they are proud of, no matter how big or small
- A child or young person who is academically gifted or talented.
- Academic results
- Other educational outcome

5. **<u>Sports</u>**

To recognise children and young people with a gift of sport. To include:

a. Those gifted and talented in a sport
b. To recognise those that have overcome difficulties to achieve in a sport.
c. To recognise children and young people that promote sport in a positive way.

6. <u>The Arts</u>

Nominations will be encouraged for children and young people who have achieved in any variety of art. This can include music, poetry, literature, dance, art, drama, or creativity in any form.

a. This can include those that have overcome adversity to achieve.
b. Those gifted and talented in these areas

<u>The awards ceremony takes place 25th October 2025 at Kings School Rochester.</u>