

**Future Young Leader Award**  
**Nominee:**

**Sophia Bartle**



## Sophia Raye Bartle

Sophia is currently an 8th grader at Sullivan Middle School. During her three years at the Middle School, Sophia has been awarded multiple leadership and academic awards. Sophia has earned a spot on the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 Honor Roll and is working towards the same achievement for the 2023-2024 school year, she was selected as the 2023-2024 Sullivan Middle School Yearbook Journalism Editor, and October 2021 and December 2022 recipient of Sullivan Middle Schools Soaring Eagle Leadership Award. In addition to her awards and achievements, Sophia is an active volunteer for the Meramec Community Fair, helping out wherever she may be needed. She also enjoys working and helping out within her family's local business, the Sullivan Independent News. She is currently a part of Sullivan Middle Schools Lighthouse Program and is currently helping develop the Care Closet, a project within the Lighthouse program that provides hygiene products to students in need. She enjoys being a part of her school clubs and sports by being the 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 Middle School Girls Basketball Manager as well as a member of the Web Leadership program, a club that helps support new students (6th graders) make the transition into the Middle School building. When not involved in school related activities, she also enjoys her job at Heartland Farms. Sophia hopes to one day follow in her dads footsteps being a helping hand within her community in whatever way her path leads her.





## ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Major achievements through professional projects with which you or your organization have been involved, including dates and positions held.

2023-2024 Sullivan Middle School  
Year book Journalism Editor.  
2021-2022 Honor Roll at Sullivan Middle School.  
2022-2023 Honor Roll at Sullivan Middle School.

2. Community and civic affiliations, accomplishments, and leadership positions held.

Current active volunteer for the Meramec Community  
Volunteer for our local community newspaper.  
2023-2024 Webleader at Sullivan Middle School.  
2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Sullivan Middle School girls basketball manager.  
Member of SMS Lighthouse Care Closet Project.

### 3. Awards, recognition, or honors received.

October 2021 recipient of Sullivan Middle School's Soaring Eagle Leadership Award.  
December 2022 recipient of Sullivan Middle School's Soaring Eagle Leadership Award.  
2022-2023 + 2021-2022 SMS Honor Roll.

4. Please describe your feelings about the importance of making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit, citing any role models and motivating factors.

In my family, being an active member within your community is very important. My dad, Jim Bartle has been my role model who reminds me daily of the importance of volunteer work + taking pride in being an active member in our community. You have to be the change to see the change.

**Future Young Leader Award**  
**Nominee:**

**Alex Toews**



## Alex Toews

Alex Toews is a sophomore at Sullivan High School and is involved in Varsity baseball, as well as Varsity soccer. He was awarded The Eagle Award in baseball and was one of the defensive players of the year in soccer. SHS has plans to send him to The Missouri Leadership Seminar where he will be representing the sophomore class. Alex is also actively involved in ministry at Temple Baptist Church and Fellowship of Christian Athletes at school. In one of his business classes he was chosen for the best entrepreneurship idea. He serves the community alongside his father, Travis, at Eaton Funeral Home. Alex enjoys business and has an entrepreneurial mind and looks forward to seeing the new ideas he could bring to Sullivan in the future and he believes Sullivan should be highly regarded and respected.



**Future Young Leader Award**

**Nominee:**

**Averie Fal**



My name is Averie Fallowfield, and I am so honored to be a Future Young Leader Nominee. There are a few things that I have been involved in that I feel helped me receive this nomination.

This past fall, I helped out my Lighthouse class with November Fest, by running the "Fishing for Ducks" station. I also helped with Santa's Palace where I helped run the "pin the heart on the grinch" station. Money raise from both events went to charity. Last year, I was selected to be part of the Music Makers group. We got the opportunity to sing "God Bless America" at Busch Stadium at the Cardinals game. My sister and my self have also donated a Christmas basket to the Meramec Community Mission Christmas Auction in 2022.

There are a few other things that I have been involved in throughout the years that I have enjoyed. I played Upwards Basketball for 5 years at Sullivan Christian Church. Last year I played basketball in Bourbon and this year I am playing for Sullivan. I also played softball for 2 years, and was a participant in the Meramec Community Fair Youth Pageant back in 2021. This year I recently started playing volleyball.

I have been recognized at school for numerous things by my teachers. Last year, my teacher Ms. Hayes emailed my parents telling them about me going above and beyond helping two autistic classmates. When other students were finished with their work, I would try to always help them if they were struggling. It always felt so good knowing I was helping them, knowing I was able to help someone else. In second grade, I had an achievement of being a Star Leader and received ice cream with the principals.

I have some really good role models that help me understand just how important being a leader and giving back to the community is. My grandpa in Indiana, whom I am very close to, was a scout leader for 20 years. He started the youth basketball program and he helped build their little league ballfield. My father, before moving back to Indiana lived here for 10 years where he was in charge of the youth baseball league and umpired. He has coached baseball for over 30 years. My father also ran the upward basketball program for 3 years. My mom did the back pack program and adopted 3 to 4 families every year for Christmas when she managed in Cuba that we got to help with. She also coached t-ball and softball for several years. There are so many other things that close family friends and family have done that have shown me what it means to give back and help out. Without people like this in my life, I may not understand just how important helping your community really is.

Thank you for taking the time to read about me.





**ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

**1. Major achievements through professional projects with which you or your organization have been involved, including dates and positions held.**

Light House projects at school money raised went to charity

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**2. Community and civic affiliations, accomplishments, and leadership positions held.**

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**3. Awards, recognition, or honors received.**

Star Leader 2003

Math award 5th grade 2003

Outstanding Student from Mrs. Hays 2003

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**4. Please describe your feelings about the importance of making Sullivan a beautiful place to live, work and visit, citing any role models and motivating factors.**

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**Future Young Leader Award**

**Nominee:**

**Jaxson Blankenship**



1. Major achievements through professional projects with which you or your organization have been involved, including dates and positions held.
  - Eagle Claw Youth wrestling tournament.March 2023. Coach.
  - SMS WEB Leader 2023-2024
    - lead monthly activities for 6th grade students, helped with kids night out, worked concession stand for basketball games, 2 year member of NJHS, 2 year wrestler at SMS, 1 year basketball, 3 year scholar bowl member-meet captain,3 year book battle, STUCO representative, 2 year track participant, SAGE student, participated in future cities-wrote essay, unified track meet guide 2 year, choir -union music festival. Advanced MAP ELA & MATH, Light House 2 member
2. Community and civic affiliations, accomplishments, and leadership positions held.
  - Eagle claw participant 6 years/ coach 2 years, TBC children's ministry volunteer, TBC youth member, TBC-(MFuge Texas, Team Effort- Pensacola Florida), TBC Love Thy Neighbor- Community improvement , Sullivan Public Library Volunteer, 4year participant/game captain Sullivan football, member of Sullivan Cross Fit
3. Awards, recognition, and honors.
  - Principal's honor roll 5 semesters, Missouri State AAU wrestling champion, AAU State Finisher 2020-2023, multiple wrestling tournament medalist(St Clair, Troy, Rolla,) Junior Patriots Wrestling 1st place (2). SMS undefeated wrestler (8th grade)
4. I believe it is important to continue making Sullivan a beautiful place to live because of the opportunities and support the community offers to everyone. As someone who has grown up with many opportunities to be a part of this beautiful community, I wish for others to have the same. For example,the opportunity to participate in sports such as Junior Eagles Football and the Eagle Claw Wrestling program. These programs have taught me many valuable lessons that I carry into my day to day life as a Student-Athlete. Together we can continue to make Sullivan a great place for current and future generations.

### One Paragraph Summary

I (Jaxson Blankenship) am a 8th grade student at Sullivan Middle School. I have lived in Sullivan my entire life with my parents, Jamie and Heidi Blankenship and sister Evvie. I have been and continue to be very active in several school and community based activities. As a student athlete at SMS I have been involved in a variety of sport teams: Basketball 1yr, Track 2yrs,Wrestling 2yrs. I have also participated in the Jr Eagles Sullivan Football league for 4 years

and Eagle Claw Wrestling program for 6 years. When I got too old for the Eagle Claw program, I continued to represent the future of Sullivan wrestling by successfully competing in AAU tournaments. When I'm not representing SMS on the court, track, or mat I am striving to be a model student in the classroom. I have been named to the Principals Honor role 6 times and am an active member of NJHS, STUCO, SAGE, and WEB. I spend my time outside of school volunteering/participating in a variety of activities, cooking, reading, and spending time with my family and friends. One program I particularly enjoy working with is the Eagle Claw wrestling program. Coach Carl Lawrence introduced me to wrestling when I was 6yrs old. The sport has taught me how to push myself in ways other sports don't. I like to work with future wrestlers so they too can learn that they are capable of doing hard things. One of the most memorable community activities I had the opportunity to participate in was the Public Library Summer Reading Kick off; I dressed up as Clifford the Big Red Dog! I enjoyed this because I enjoy participating in service projects such as Love Thy Neighbor, led by my church youth group, along with MFuge and Team Effort. My future plans include going to college to study computer engineering.



## Pictures

### Family & Friends



Me, Ms. Kristi, Evvie



Popa & I



Ty & Me Arkansas Football



Mammy, Popa, & I

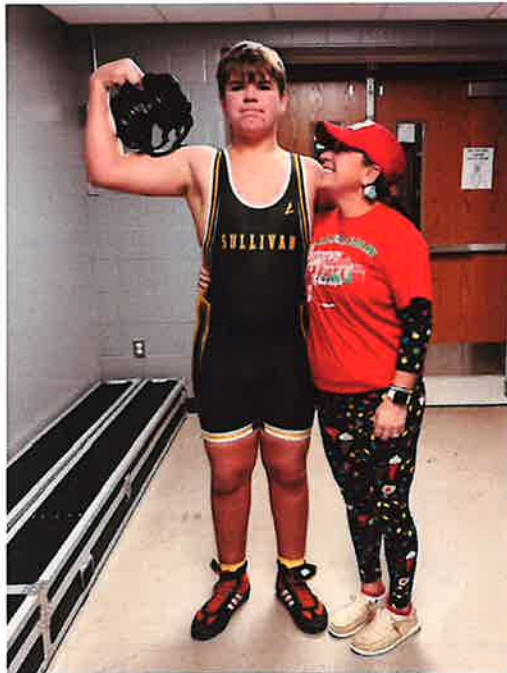




Evvie & I



Gma & Gpa Blankenship

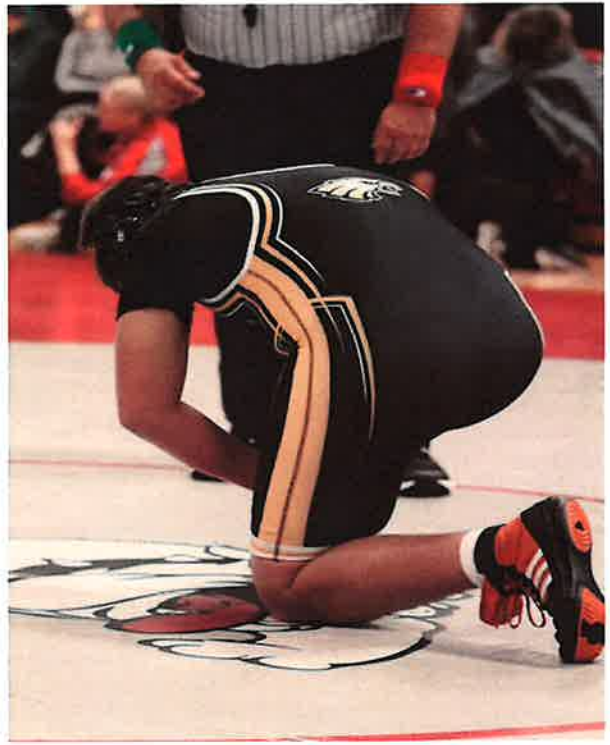


Mom&I



Dad & I

Wrestling





**Football**





Eagle Claw





SMS Sports & Activities





**Unified Track Meet**

**Book Battle**



**Choir**

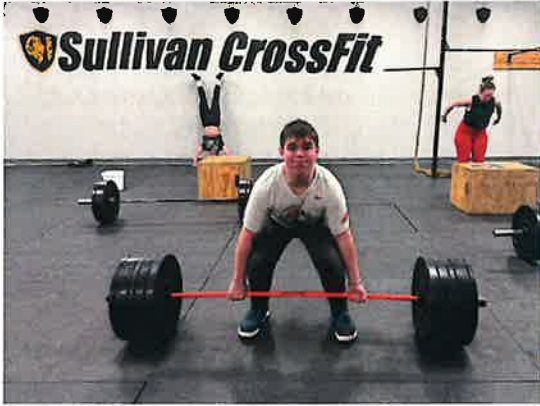
**Scholar Bowl**



Hobbies/Mission Trips



Another game, another book



Mission Trip send off

Hauling softball gear



Lending a hand in bad weather



Summer Reading kick off