



GOVERNOR'S JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

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2026 Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award

The Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission (GJJC) serves as the State Advisory Group (SAG) to the Governor and Legislature on matters critical to juvenile justice, under the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA). The GJJC is comprised of individuals with extensive expertise and experience with the juvenile justice system including juvenile justice professionals, law enforcement, corrections professionals, attorneys, judges, mental health practitioners, staff of nonprofit organizations dedicated to youth programming, and youth with experience in the juvenile justice system.

In this capacity, the Commission presents the Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award to a remarkable young person in Wisconsin every two years. This award recognizes a young person, having prior contact with the juvenile justice system, that has achieved personal success and has made positive contributions to their community.

The GJJC presents the award recipient with:

- Recognition at the GJJC Commission Meeting on August 18, 2026.
- Name engraved on the Tony Maggiore Youth Excellence Award plaque displayed at the Wisconsin Department of Justice.
- A letter of recommendation the award recipient may use for future employment or educational opportunities.

Please submit the [online nomination form](#) by June 30, 2026, nominating a young person who:



Nomination Form

- Is between 16 and 28 years old.
- Had prior contact with the juvenile justice system.
- Has made great strides, despite previous contact with the juvenile justice system, in overcoming obstacles to improve their life and their community.

The award is in honor of the late, Tony Maggiore, who served on the GJJC for 17 years and was a tireless advocate for people living in poverty. Tony helped wage Milwaukee's war on poverty for more than 20 years as the Associate Director of the Social Development Commission (SDC). He was an outspoken and steadfast voice to push reforms that would reduce the disparities present in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Tony often described his philosophy as, "You just keep pushing and pushing. You don't give up."

The nominator of the selected young person will be contacted to obtain a release for the young person to be notified and recognized. Please contact Kiley Komro at Kiley.Komro@Wisdoj.gov or (608) 716-9185 with any questions.