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Townview student wins state Boys & Girls Clubs honor

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Darrius Shaw, a senior at Townview's School of Science and Engineering, has been named Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 2010 Youth of the Year for the state of [Texas](#).

"I owe a great deal of my development and my confidence to my Boys & Girls Club," said Shaw, 17. "For this reason, I am honored to represent the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater [Dallas](#) and will do so proudly."

Along with the title comes a \$1,000 scholarship from the [Reader's Digest](#) Foundation.

Shaw's journey for the state title began when he was named 2010 Youth of the Year for Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas, earning a \$4,000 scholarship from Coca-Cola. He then won the North Texas Youth of the Year competition and received \$1,000 from the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Texas Area Council.

His state honor sets him up to compete in May against eight other youths in the Southwest region (including Texas, [Oklahoma](#), [New Mexico](#), [Colorado](#), [Wyoming](#), [Kansas](#), [Montana](#) and [Arkansas](#)) for BGCA's Southwest Region title. That recipient will go on to nationals in September.

Shaw, a 12-year member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas-[Oak Cliff](#) Club, has been an active member of the National Society of Black Engineers and the Texas Civil Air Patrol, and is president and team captain of the Science and Engineering Bowl Team.

He was one of 14 seniors selected at his school to participate in the Peer to Peer mentoring program, assisting freshmen with the transition from middle to high school. He also volunteers at the Oak Cliff Boys & Girls Club, where he is president of the Young Leaders Keystone Club, a member of Dallas Elevators, and is active in the Collegiate STEPS program.

Shaw will graduate in June. He has applied to [New York University](#) and Texas Tech University to pursue a degree in engineering.