



Certified Young Financial Analyst (CYFA) Designation

The CYFA Designation represents a tremendous achievement. Less than 10% of those students that enter YIS end up achieving the CYFA Designation. It is widely respected by Universities and future employers. High school students that are able to earn the CYFA have proven that they are the best-of-the-best. The CYFA Designation is the highest honor within the Young Investors Society.

What it means to earn the Certified Young Financial Analyst (CYFA) Designation:
You have mastered the fundamentals of stock analysis.
You have studied for and passed a rigorous examination, that covers advanced financial concepts.
You maintain a stellar GPA.
You are uniquely prepared to major in business, finance or accounting.

Qualifications to earn the CYFA Designation:

1. Be a registered member of Young Investors Society.
2. Pass the 60 question Online CYFA exam (50% pass rate).
Online exam will be available August 1st-August 30th, 2018.
There will be another exam opportunity Jan 1st-January 30th, 2019.
Exam is based on these books:

The YIS Stock Investing 101 eBook

<http://yis.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Stock-Investing-101-eBook.pdf>

The Essays of Warren Buffett 3rd Edition by Lawrence Cunningham

<https://www.amazon.com/The-Essays-Warren-Buffett-Corporate/dp/1611634091>

Online Timed Test-1 hour

Suggested Study Time – 50 hours.

Multiple choice, 60 question exam.

Topics: Equity investing, Fixed income investing, alternatives, personal finance, business evaluation, economics, accounting, ethics.

3. Minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent.
4. Participate in a State or Regional Stock Pitch Competition.
5. Participate in a Community Service Project – 10 hrs.
6. High School Teacher or (YIS Advisor) Letter of Recommendation.
7. Conduct a final interview with a YIS Board Member.



**Certified Young Financial Analyst (CYFA)
Designation Application**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ **Date:** _____
First Last M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Name of High School: _____

City, State: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

CYFA Online Test Score: _____ **Date:** _____

Which State/Regional Stock Pitch Competition did you participate in? **Date:** _____

City, State: _____

Community Service Hours: _____ (At least 10 hours of Community Service Required)

Community Service Hours Description: _____

(Attach additional page if necessary)

Recommending Teacher Name: _____

School, City, State: _____

(Attach Letter of Recommendation from Teacher)



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Teacher Recommendation
Sample Letter

To: Whom This May Concern,

My name is _____ [Your Name] and proud to offer my recommendation of _____ [Individual's Name] to whom I have personally known for ____ years at _____ [Where You've Known the Individual] as their _____ [Relationship].

During my working relationship with _____ [Individual's Name] I have experienced an individual who works hard and carries themselves in a polite, respectable manner. In addition, _____ [Individual's Name] is exceptionally gifted in financial literacy and is a leader in our YIS club. It is without reservation that I recommend _____ [Individual's Name] for the Young Investors Society Certified Financial Analyst (CYFA) Designation.

If you have any requests or questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Name of High School: _____

City, State: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Send completed CYFA packet to **Ctobin@yis.org**
Interview with Board Member will be scheduled after completed packet is received.