

Making a Difference

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If coming of age means 'the point when you receive recognition' then Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani school-girl-activist-for-girls'-education, came of age when she was 12 after a documentary film was made about her. Since then she has won:

2011 National Youth Peace Prize

2012 Anne Frank Award for Moral Courage

2012 Pakistan's third highest civilian bravery award

*Foreign Policy* magazine top global thinker in 2012

*Time* magazine Person of the Year shortlist - 2012

2012 Rome Prize for Peace and Humanitarian Action

France's Simone de Beauvoir for Women's Freedom Prize 2013

From 2011 to 2013 she was honored with 15 other international awards culminating with the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 when she was 17. So, coming of age has nothing to do with being an adult. Think what she will do then.