

2009

**WYNDHAM CITY COUNCIL
MAYORAL YOUTH AWARD
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 12 – 25 YEARS**

Self Nomination

The Mayoral Youth Award Program is an initiative of Wyndham City Council. This award has a number of aims including:

- To recognise the diverse range of personal and community achievements of local young people;
- To assist young people to reach their goals;
- To reward young people for their achievements and potential; and
- To show community acknowledgement of the abilities and capabilities inherent within young people in the Wyndham community.

The Mayoral Youth Award is for individual young people that live, work or study in Wyndham. A total of 12 individuals are awarded the \$500 grant each year. Each of the successful applicants are entered as finalists for the Wyndham Youth Achiever of the Year Award.*

CRITERIA

The award program aims to recognise a diverse range young people with varying potential and skills. The criteria that applications will be assessed against are listed below. Please note that applicants do not have to meet all of the criteria, however, the more points that are met, the stronger the application will be.

The award recognises individuals who:

- Have excelled and made achievements in their chosen field (eg arts, culture, recreation, leadership, volunteering);
- Have shown uniqueness or innovation in their chosen field;
- Have been independent and self motivated in achieving their goals;
- Have the potential to continue to excel in their chosen field and develop existing skills;
- Have been recognised and endorsed by the general community for their outstanding achievements;
- Have overcome hardship or are experiencing hardship (financial, physical, personal, etc);
- Have identified that a council contribution would meet a specific need;
- Are between the ages of 12 and 25 years (mandatory); and
- Live, work or study full time within Wyndham (mandatory).

The award cannot be given to:

* While the Mayoral Youth Award can be given to young people that either live, work or study full time in Wyndham, only young people who reside in Wyndham will be considered for the Young Achiever of the Year Award

- Groups agencies or collectives;
- People who do not either live, work or study full time in Wyndham;
- People who are outside of the age criteria; and
- People who have been recipients of the award in the last two years.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A young person can either nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else (consent must be obtained if applying on behalf of someone else).

In order to be considered for the award, the attached nomination form must be completed and returned to the Youth Planner.

Additional supporting information can be attached to the application (eg newspaper clippings, letters of support, audio/visual tapes, etc). Unless requested, attached information will not be returned.

Each applicant will be assessed based on the information provided in the nomination form. As a result, it is important to include as much detail as possible in the form.

The assessment committee that decides on the successful applications is made up of:

- Wyndham City Council's Mayor
- Youth Task Force (a group of young people)
- Youth Services Planner
- Youth Services staff member

The assessment committee may carry over strong applications to be considered for the next round (applicants will be made aware of this in writing).

Applicants who are unsuccessful are welcome to re-apply for the award in the following round.

If you have any questions or would like assistance to complete the nomination form, please contact the Youth Planner on 9742 8155.

THE PROCESS

There are four rounds per year for this award. Every round three grants are awarded (one for each stream – sport, community service/volunteering/leadership and music/arts/culture). The closing dates for the nomination rounds are:

- 31 March
- 30 June
- 30 September
- 31 December

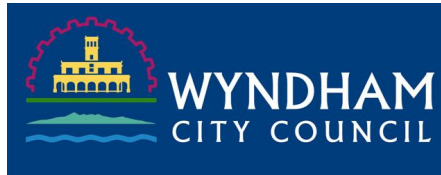
At the closing date for each round all nominations will be considered by the assessment committee. The committee will measure all nominations against the criteria and decide on the successful applicants for that round.

Mail Applications to:

Youth Planner
Wyndham City Council
PO Box 197
WERRIBEE VIC 3030

All applicants will be made aware of the outcome of their application in writing as soon as possible.

Successful applicants will be invited to attend an Ordinary Council Meeting where they will be presented with a cheque and certificate by the Mayor.



Nomination Form
MAYORAL YOUTH AWARD
Self Nomination

Date of Application: _____

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Sex: M / F (Please Circle)

Country of origin: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____

Postcode: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone Numbers (mob): _____

(home): _____

Current Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Occupation (eg student, casual cashier, etc): _____

Name of Employer / School / Institution: _____

What is the best way for us to contact you? Home phone Mobile Email

What is the best time/day to contact you? _____

How did you hear about the Mayoral Youth Award?

Have you received any previous assistance from Council? What assistance was received?

Which award stream would you like to be considered for?

Sport Music, Arts and Culture Other

Community Service, Volunteering and Leadership

If 'other' please provide further details:

Nominating Self

I submit this information as my application to the Mayoral Youth Award program.

OR

Nominating another person

I _____ submit this information on behalf of _____, nominating him/her for consideration of the Mayoral Youth Award program.

Nominators Details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers (B.H.): _____ **(A.H):** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I understand and agree that the details of my achievement will appear in the public agenda for the Council meeting at which my award will be presented, as well as published on the Wyndham Youth web site (<http://youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au>):

- Yes**
 No (please tick)

Privacy Notification

Your address, email and phone number are stored by Council as part of Youth Services program provision requirements. This personal information will be used solely by Council and the Mayoral Youth Award Assessment Committee and its contracted service providers for that primary purpose or directly related purpose. The information shall remain private and confidential within Council and the Mayoral Youth Award Assessment Committee and will only be disclosed to other persons or agencies as consented to by the authorised parent/guardian or in emergency situations.

Where the young person is under the age of 18 yrs

I _____ parent/guardian of _____ consent to the personal/health information collected on this form.

Signature

Date

Where the young person is 18 years and over

I _____ consent to the personal/health information collected on this form.

Signature

Date



MAYORAL YOUTH AWARD CONSENT FOR TAKING AND USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS / IMAGES IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

P.O. Box 197 Werribee Victoria 3030

Phone: (03) 9742 0777

Fax: (03) 9741 6237

mail@wyndham.vic.gov.au

I _____

(name of person, or parent if young person is under 18)

of _____

(address)

Ph: _____

on behalf of _____ give consent to Wyndham City Council to (tick applicable box):

Release my name and phone number to the local newspapers (Werribee Banner, Star – Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, Werribee Leader) for the purpose of arranging an interview and photograph for their newspaper.

Declaration

I declare that I will immediately advise Council’s youth services should my circumstances change or should I wish to revoke my consent for my/my child’s photo and name to remain on Council’s youth services website.

Signature of authorised person

Date

Office Use only

Actioned by: _____

Date: _____