

MILDURA RURAL CITY COUNCIL 2024 YOUTH AWARDS

The Mildura Rural City Council Youth Awards aim to recognise young people between 12 to 25 years of age for their achievements and contributions to the community.

The awards aim to recognise a diverse range of young people with varying potential and skills. The criteria that the applications will be assessed against is listed below. Please note that the nomination does not have to meet all the criteria, however the more points of the criteria that are met, the stronger the application will be.

AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

Community Participation Award

This award recognises young people or groups of young people who have shown leadership in their community.

This includes young people or groups of young people who:

- Provide a positive and rewarding service to young people in their community
- Demonstrate excellence in leadership skills and are making a positive impact in their community
- Promote and ensure safety of young people in the greater community
- Make a positive difference to the environment.

This may have been demonstrated through:

- Behaviours that show the welfare of their community and the people within it, are at the heart of what they do
- Volunteering their time generously, willingly and selflessly, or actively contributing towards the positive development of their community
- Leadership, commitment and positive role modelling within their chosen community. This could be in sports, arts, education or other community-based activities

Endurance and Persistence

This award recognises a young person who has demonstrated personal growth and endurance to overcome hardships or to achieve their goals. This may be demonstrated, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- Family
- Culture

- Sexual orientation
- Geographic Location
- Long-term unemployment
- Health
- Disability
- Education

Youth Worker of the Year

This award recognises a Youth Worker that has demonstrated commitment to the wellbeing, participation and capacity building within their role. Workers include, but are not limited to, Police, Child Protection, Health, Education, Youth Work and Youth Services, including those working with young people in the sports and recreation and arts and culture sector.

This may be demonstrated through the following:

- Act as a role model for their peers and excelled at building positive relationships with young people
- Made significant improvement in policy and practice in engagement.

How to enter:

1. Read the information package and select the category which best suits the applicant's achievements.
2. Complete the online application form which is available at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/YouthAwards
3. One nomination per category, per person or group.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees must be between 12 and 25 years of age as of 1 January 2024.
- Nominees must either live, work, volunteer, or study in the Mildura Rural City Council municipality. Preference is given to nominees whose application displays involvement or participation within the Mildura Rural City Council community.
- Applicants who have moved due to study or work commitments are still eligible to enter if they have lived, worked, volunteered, or studied in Mildura region over the previous 12 months.
- Applicants must consent to the nominations.
- Emphasis is given to qualities displayed within the nominated category over the previous 12 months. Consideration is still given to involvement in this category prior to these 12 months.
- Entries must be received by Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services by 5pm on Friday 26 July 2024 information on the nomination form will be assessed against the judging criteria.
- Recipients of a Youth Award in the previous two years will not be eligible to be nominated for an award in their winning category. However, they can be nominated for another category.
- Winners of previous Youth Awards can only apply for a different category to that which they previously won, except in the group awards category where if a minimum of 80 percent of members were not part of the group which won the award, then they are eligible to apply again.
- For any group nominations, at least 80 percent of the group members must be between 12 and 25 years of age.
- All nomination information and material submitted remains the property of Mildura Rural City Council and may not be returned.
- Nominees agree to make themselves available without cost for publicity purposes as required prior to and after the awards presentation.
- Nominees agree to allow the use of their nomination information for publicity purposes.
- Those selected as finalists should be available to attend the awards night (inability to attend does not disqualify entry).
- A nomination can be withdrawn at any stage at the discretion of the judging panel if a recipient's character is called into question.
- The judging panel's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging will be based on the Application Form, achievements during the past year, participation in their chosen field and selection criteria.

AWARDS CEREMONY

All young people nominated will be recognised at the Youth Showcase on Friday 30 August at Mildura Arts Centre 199 Cureton Avenue Mildura.

All nominees will receive a certificate at the Youth Showcase.

The individual award winners will receive a \$200 voucher and a trophy.

Want to recognise someone but don't have time? No problem, we are more than willing to help!

Simply refer someone to us – it takes only two minutes to complete the form and our team does the rest! We'll get in contact with and complete the questions. It's that easy!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information or assistance with the nomination application please contact

Youth Project Officer Barbara Clifford on 03 5018 8280 or email youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au