

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

Nomination Form

The Mayoral Youth Award Program is an initiative of Wyndham City. 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 of young people in Wyndham.

The Mayoral Youth Award is for individual young people aged 12-25 years who live, work or study in Wyndham. A total of 12 individuals are Awarded the \$500 award each year. Each of the successful applicants is entered as finalists for the Wyndham Youth Achiever of the Year Award.

Please note: 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.

CRITERIA

The Award aims to recognise a diverse range young people with varying potential and skills. The criteria 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 (e.g. arts, 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 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).
- Consideration will be given to applicants who are/have experienced hardship or any other barriers (financial, physical, personal, etc).

The Award cannot be given to:

- People who do not either live, work or study full time in Wyndham;
- People who are outside of the age criteria;
- Young people applying for outstanding academic achievement; 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.

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

The assessment committee that decides on the successful applications is made up of: the Wyndham City Mayor, Youth Task Force (a group of young people), Youth Project Officer, and a 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.

THE PROCESS

There are four rounds per year for this Award. Every round, three awards 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 Project Officer
Wyndham City
PO Box 197
WERRIBEE VIC 3030

All applicants will be made aware of the outcome of their application in writing within one month of the closing date. Successful applicants will be invited to attend an Ordinary Council Meeting where they will be presented with a cheque and certificate by the Mayor.

If you have any questions or would like assistance to complete the nomination form, please contact the Youth Project Officer on 8734 1355.

Are you.....

- Nominating yourself?** Fill out the application form on the next and subsequent pages
- Nominating another person?** Fill out the details below and also the application form on the next and subsequent pages

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 (Home) _____ **(Mobile):** _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Date of Application: _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Sex (please circle): M / F Current Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone Numbers (mob): _____ (home): _____

Occupation (e.g. student, casual cashier, etc): _____

Name of Employer / School / Institution: _____

How did you hear about the Mayoral Youth Award? _____

Has the nominated individual received any previous assistance from Wyndham City? What assistance was received? _____

Which Award category would you like the nominee to be considered for?

- Music, Arts, Media and Culture Community Service, Volunteering and Leadership
- Sport Other (please specify): _____

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

Privacy Notification (please sign either a or b below)

Your address, email and phone number are stored by Wyndham City as part of Youth Services program provision requirements. This personal information will be used solely by Wyndham City 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 Wyndham City 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.

a) Where the young person is under the age of 18 years: I _____ parent/guardian of _____ consent to the personal/health information collected on this form.

Signature _____ Date _____

b) Where the young person is 18 years and over: I, _____ consent to the personal/health information collected on this form.

Signature _____ Date _____

What are the nominee's interests or hobbies?

Please list any community groups the nominee is a member of and describe what contribution they make. If the nominee is not a member of any organisation please describe any other community involvement (i.e. this could be what they contribute outside of training).

What achievements has the nominee made in their chosen field? (Attach extra pages if needed)

What is the nominee's ultimate goal in their chosen field and what do they plan on doing to achieve this?

How has the nominee shown independence and/or self motivation to achieve their goals?

Why does the nominee need this financial assistance?

How will the nominee use the Award money?

Why do you believe the nominee should get this Award?

Please provide any other information you feel may be relevant to this application (for example if the nominee has overcome physical, personal hardship, etc)

Nominations of Support

1. Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Relationship to the nominee: _____

Support material attached: Yes No (Please Circle)

2. Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Support material attached: Yes No (Please Circle)

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this nomination form.
You will be informed of the outcome of the application as soon as possible*

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

I _____

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

of _____

(address)

Ph: _____

on behalf of _____ give consent to Wyndham City to

(tick applicable box):

Release my name and phone number to the local newspapers (Wyndham / Point Cook Weekly, The Star, Werribee Leader) for the purpose of arranging an interview and photograph for their newspaper.

Declaration

I declare that I will immediately advise Wyndham City 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 Wyndham City Youth Services website.

Signature of authorised person

Date

Office Use only

Actioned by: _____

Date: _____