

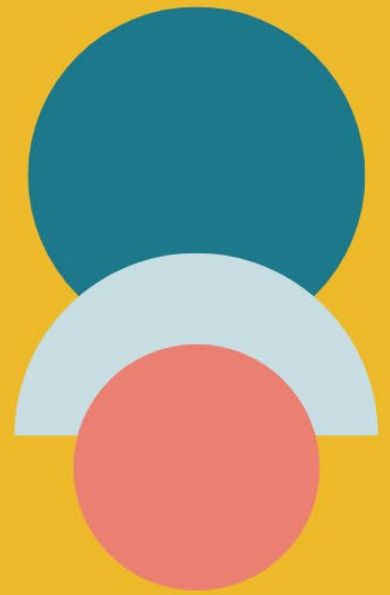
Multicultural Youth Awards 2024

“Diverse Talents, Shared Achievements: Honouring
the Brilliance of Multicultural Youth”

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About the Multicultural Youth Awards

The Multicultural Youth Awards is a national event devoted to showcasing the outstanding achievements of multicultural youth. Steering away from current traditional awards, this initiative offers a unique and focused platform for recognition, emphasizing the diverse talents, resilience, and positive impact/contributions of young individuals from multicultural backgrounds across Victoria and the nation.

Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Nominations open	1 July 2024
Nominations close	Late Aug 2024
Judging period	September 2024
Winners notified	Late Sep 2024
Awards ceremony	5 Oct 2023

Eligibility

Eligibility Evaluation

Prior to reaching the judging panel, all nominations for the Multicultural Youth Awards will undergo a comprehensive pre-evaluation led by the MYG team and relevant stakeholders. This assessment will adhere to strict eligibility requirements to determine the nominees eligible to proceed to the shortlisting stage. The evaluation process ensures a comprehensive and impartial consideration of each nomination.

The eligibility requirement aims to:

- ensure equity, reach and fairness among community members, businesses and organisations.
- ensure that the MYG's award programs recognise a range of established, new, emerging, familiar, and unfamiliar but deserving nominees.
- encourage diversity among winners of MYG award programs.

Please note:

- nominees who receive a high commendation are not considered to have won an award.
- each category has specific eligibility requirement and criteria which is also outlined below.
- eligibility and ineligibility will be communicated to applicants prior to first stage of panel assessment for application nominations.



Eligibility for nominees of all award categories.

A nominee is *eligible* if they:

1. have a culturally diverse background.
2. are within the age range of 16 – 30 years old.
3. reside in Australia (for individuals); or
4. are part of a community or volunteer organisation, service provider, government agency or business nominated for a specific project, program or initiative that benefits Australians; and
5. are not ineligible based on the below.

A nominee is *ineligible* if they:

1. won in similar award program in the last year *regardless of category*.
2. won in similar award program in the last five years in the *same category*;
3. won in a different MYG program in the same year;
4. are a current MYG employee, or were employees in the 12 months prior to nominations opened;

Eligibility for all nominators.

Nominators cannot:

1. be a current MYG employee or were employees in the 12 months prior to nominations opened;
2. nominate the *same* nominee in more than two award categories in the same award category - noting that a nominee can only win one award per award category.
3. submit more than three nominations in total across all categories in the same award program; or
4. be a referee on the same nomination.

Eligibility for all referees.

Referees cannot be:

1. an immediate family member;
2. a current MYG employee or;
3. the nominator on the same nomination.



Screening and Judging

Judging Panel

There will be a dedicated judging panel members representing peak bodies, grass-root level expertise/stakeholders and government departments. All panel members have relevant experience and expertise to assess each category. The Panels usually will consist of three members per award category (nine members in total) excluding the Minister for Youth Award. Attention is taken to ensure a balance of genders and backgrounds make up the panel groups.

Panel Chair

A Panel Chair is appointed from the judging panel and acts as the decision maker in times that a decision cannot be made by the category panel members.

Scoring Matrix:

All judges will use the following scoring matrix for each selection criterion, with a scale out of 10:

Criterion Score:

- **1-2: Not Demonstrated**
 - Limited or no evidence of the nominee displaying outstanding qualities in the given criterion.
- **3-4: Satisfactory but Needs Improvement**
 - Adequate, but there is room for more clarity or detail.
- **5-6: Good**
 - The nominee has demonstrated proficiency in the criterion.
- **7-8: Very Clearly Demonstrated**
 - The nominee has explicitly showcased excellence in the given criterion.
- **9-10: Outstandingly Demonstrated**
 - Exceptional demonstration, exceeding expectations in the criterion.

Example: More than 1-2 clear instances of how the nominee demonstrated activities/achievements directly contributing to a positive difference in the lives within the multicultural youth community.

Note: The Minister for youth award category is judged independently by the federal minister for youth following the above scoring matrix.

How to Nominate

Step 1: Read through the nomination guide, along with the terms and conditions, and understand the entry requirements for the awards.

Step 2: Choose a nominee, either an individual or a team, ensuring they meet the eligibility criteria for the award category. Make sure to obtain their consent before proceeding with the nomination.

Step 3: Visit www.multiculturalityouthawards.com/nominate to access the nomination form. Fill out all necessary details accurately. Include the contact information of two independent referees who can confirm the accuracy of the submission and verify the nominee's eligibility.



Note: Accessible and other ways to nominate are possible, such as a physical nomination form or verbal nomination. Please reach out to the team via phone, email, or by visiting our office to nominate this way.

Award Categories

Entrepreneur of the Year

This prestigious award honours the exceptional young entrepreneur who has demonstrated remarkable vision, innovation, and business acumen. Recognising the spirit of entrepreneurship among the youth, this accolade celebrates those who have not only initiated successful ventures but have also made a positive impact on their community. From groundbreaking startups to innovative solutions, the Youth Entrepreneur of the Year award shines a spotlight on the individual whose entrepreneurial journey inspires and exemplifies the limitless potential of multicultural youth.

Sportsperson of the Year

This award honours the remarkable achievements of a young sportsperson who has not only excelled in their chosen sport but has also made substantial contributions to the broader sports community. It recognises the individual's outstanding personal achievements, leadership qualities, or impactful service within the sports realm. From demonstrating exceptional skill and dedication to inspiring others, the Youth Sportsperson of the Year embodies the values of sportsmanship, leadership, and community service, setting a positive example for their peers and the broader multicultural youth community.

Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award

This prestigious award pays tribute to the extraordinary efforts of a young individual or service that has made a significant and positive impact on their community. The recipient, whether through volunteer work, community projects, or advocacy initiatives, stands out for their exceptional dedication to fostering positive change. The Youth Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award aims to acknowledge and honour a young leader or service who goes the extra mile to contribute to the well-being and development of their community, exemplifying the values of service, compassion, and active civic engagement.

Academic Excellence Award

This distinguished award honours a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence, remarkable dedication to their studies, and a commitment to the pursuit of knowledge. The recipient has not only excelled in their academic endeavours but has also showcased a passion for continuous learning, leadership within the academic community, and a positive influence on their peers. The Student of the Year/Academic Achievement Award recognises and celebrates the exceptional achievements and contributions of a student who embodies the spirit of academic excellence, curiosity, and a commitment to intellectual growth.

Creative and Performing Arts Award

This award celebrates the outstanding achievements of a young individual who has demonstrated exceptional talent and creativity in the realm of creative arts. Whether through visual arts, performing arts, or other expressive mediums, the recipient of this award is recognised for their innovation, originality, and dedication to artistic pursuits. The Youth Creative Arts Award honours a young artist who

has made a significant impact in the creative landscape, embodying the spirit of imagination, artistic exploration, and cultural expression.

Implementing Aboriginal Self-Determination Award

The Young Indigenous Empowerment Award recognises the remarkable achievements and dedicated efforts of a young individual or youth service in championing the empowerment of Indigenous communities. This award acknowledges outstanding contributions toward fostering self-determination, preserving cultural heritage, and promoting the socio-economic well-being of Indigenous peoples. The recipient exemplifies a commitment to promoting equality, resilience, and empowerment within Indigenous communities, embodying the spirit of positive change and progress either at a young age or through exceptional service initiatives.

Australian Minister for Youth's Award (Minister will select)

This distinguished award, selected by the Federal Minister for Youth, honours an individual or organisation that has demonstrated exceptional passion and commitment to enhancing the well-being and conditions for young people. The recipient showcases a proven track record of significantly improving outcomes for young individuals, highlighting their unwavering dedication to fostering positive change in the youth sector. This accolade recognises a profound commitment to upholding high professional standards, adhering to youth work principles, and contributing to the overall advancement of the youth sector.

Young Apprentice/Vocational Award:

The Young Apprentice/Vocational Award is dedicated to honouring the remarkable achievements of a young individual who has shown outstanding dedication and skill in their chosen vocational or apprenticeship path. This award celebrates the recipient's commitment, innovation, and exceptional contributions to their field, reflecting their promise and potential as a rising star in the world of apprenticeship and vocational pursuits. The awardee serves as an inspiring example of excellence, embodying the values of hard work, determination, and continuous growth in their chosen profession.

Young Woman of the Year

The Young Woman of the Year Award is a prestigious recognition bestowed upon an exceptional young woman who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, resilience, and positive contributions to her community. This award celebrates the recipient's achievements, advocacy, and commitment to making a significant impact in various aspects of her life. Whether through community service, leadership roles, or innovative initiatives, the Young Woman of the Year stands out as an inspiring figure who embodies the spirit of empowerment and serves as a role model for her peers. The awardee exemplifies the qualities of strength, compassion, and dedication, inspiring others to reach their full potential.

Young Leader of the Year Award

The Young Leader of the Year Award is a prestigious accolade presented to an outstanding young individual who has exhibited remarkable leadership qualities, initiative, and dedication to driving positive change. This award recognises the recipient's ability to inspire, motivate, and lead by example, fostering growth and development within their community or chosen field. The Young Leader of the Year is a visionary who demonstrates resilience, innovation, and a commitment to making a lasting impact on the



lives of others. Through their leadership, the awardee serves as an inspiration for fellow youth, embodying the spirit of leadership, responsibility, and a passion for creating a better future.

Volunteer of the Year Award

The Volunteer of the Year Award is a heartfelt acknowledgement of an individual or organization that has displayed an exceptional commitment to community service and volunteerism. This award recognizes the profound impact of their selfless contributions, whether through dedicated hours of service, innovative volunteer projects, or initiatives that have significantly improved the well-being of others. The awardee exemplifies the spirit of generosity, compassion, and a strong dedication to creating positive change within their community. The Volunteer of the Year is a shining example of the transformative power of volunteer efforts, inspiring others to actively contribute to the betterment of society.

Inspirational Young Person of the Year

The Inspirational Young Person of the Year Award is a tribute to a young individual or organisation that has made an extraordinary impact on others through their inspirational journey, resilience, and positive influence. This award recognizes those who have overcome challenges, inspired change, and serves as a beacon of hope for others within the youth community. The awardee may have demonstrated exceptional youth leadership, advocacy, or achieved remarkable accomplishments that have inspired and uplifted their peers. This accolade honours the ability to motivate, empower, and positively influence other young individuals, leaving a lasting-legacy of inspiration and motivation.

Young Influencer of the Year

The Young Influencer of the Year Award celebrates a dynamic individual or organization that has wielded a positive and influential impact on the community, especially among the youth. This award recognizes those who have effectively used their platform, creativity, or leadership to inspire, motivate, and drive positive change. The recipient may have demonstrated exceptional advocacy, innovation, or community engagement that has contributed significantly to shaping a better future. Additionally, this award acknowledges the achievements of a young person who has utilised creative mediums such as social media, vlogging, podcasts, and TV/radio to be a positive role model and enhance the lives of others. This accolade highlights the power of influence in creating meaningful and positive transformations within the community.

