



Awards for young volunteers

Awards can be a great way to acknowledge the contributions of young volunteers. While it is wonderful when they are recognised for an award (for the volunteer and the organisation), even being nominated shows young volunteers they are held in high regard.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of awards to consider submitting nominations for to recognise young volunteers' achievements.

International Awards

[The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award](#)

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is an exciting international youth development program. Anyone between the ages of 14 and 24 can take part. The Duke of Ed has three Award levels: Bronze, Silver or Gold. Each level has different time commitments. To achieve an Award, each young person must learn a skill, improve their physical wellbeing, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment.

National Awards

[Fred Hollows Humanity Award](#)

The Award recognises Year 6 students who follow in Fred's footsteps by making a positive difference in their community. It celebrates students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their every day lives, just as Fred did.

Since 2012, the Award has recognised more than 1300 Year 6 students across Australia. In 2017, the Award expanded nationally for the first time with Year 6 students from all states and territories eligible for nomination.

[Young Australia of the Year Awards](#)

The Young Australian of the Year Award recognises those aged 16 to 30 who are outstanding and exceptional young Australians.

[Order of Australia Medal](#)

In the Australian honours system appointments to the Order of Australia confer the highest recognition for outstanding achievement and service.

Statewide (South Australian) Awards

[7 News \(South Australia\) Young Achiever Awards](#)

The purpose of the Seven News Young Achiever Awards is to acknowledge, encourage and most importantly promote the positive achievements of all young people for South Australia up to and including 29 years of age as of 31st December each year.

[South Australian Community Achievement Awards](#)

The South Australian Community Achievement Awards began in 2010, and are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities, and businesses are making throughout the community in South Australia. These awards aim to recognise their success and achievements, which contribute to making South Australia a better place.

[Governor's Multicultural Awards](#)

The Governor's Multicultural Awards recognise and celebrate South Australians who promote multiculturalism and increase the understanding of the benefits of cultural diversity in our community.

[The Governor’s Aboriginal Youth Awards](#)

The Governor’s Aboriginal Youth Awards recognise young Aboriginal South Australians, aged between 15 and 29 years, who are showing potential and determination to achieve success, or who are excelling in their chosen field in one of three areas: Sport, Arts and Higher Education.

[Order of Australia Association’s Student Citizenship Awards](#)

Student Citizenship Awards are intended to recognise those young people who contribute broadly through voluntary service to school and/or general communities. They exemplify the Order of Australia Association’s objective “to foster love of and pride in Australian citizenship”. The top 10 or so most worthy students, receive an inscribed plaque and certificate; the student judged most worthy also receives a trophy as Student Citizen of the Year. Presentation of these awards are made at a function hosted by His Excellency – the Governor of the day.

[The Governor’s Civics Awards for Schools](#)

The Governor’s Civics Awards for Schools provide the opportunity for young South Australians to develop their understanding of the role citizenship plays in a multicultural and democratic society. The inaugural awards in 2019 had two categories: an individual and a group award for Year 5 students. In 2020, the awards are expanding to include students from Years 5-12.

[Minister for Education Awards – Children’s Week](#)

The Children’s Week Association of South Australia offers these awards as part of the Children’s Week celebration for children who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in any endeavour including academic, community service, sport, arts and personal challenge.

[Minister for Education Volunteering Award for outstanding service](#)

The Minister for Education Volunteering Award for Outstanding Service is a way to recognise people in preschool and school communities who make a significant contribution to enhancing and uplifting the lives of others by volunteering.

[Young Citizen of the Year Awards](#)

The Awards reward and recognise young people that have made a noteworthy contribution to their community.

[Aussie of the Month](#)

Aussie of the Month is a free Primary School Recognition Program presented by the same organisation who deliver the prestigious Australian of the Year Awards and is endorsed by the South Australian Department for Education.

[Award for Leadership in Languages and Cultures](#)

Provided by the Minister for Education through the Multicultural Education and Languages Committee, this Award recognises people aged 24 years or younger, who have shown a commitment to advocacy for a multicultural Australia.

[Premier’s Award of Recognition for outstanding volunteer service](#)

The Premier’s Certificate of Recognition for outstanding volunteer service recognises the exceptional contribution of South Australian volunteers who deliver many critical community services in the areas of youth and community development, welfare, education, emergency services, sport and recreation, the environment and more.

[South Australian Volunteer Awards](#)

The South Australian Volunteer Awards honour the inspiring endeavours of volunteers, volunteer managers, volunteer-involving organisations and businesses contribute to our community. Nominations are announced at the Volunteers Day Thank You event held on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June each year.

[40 Under 40](#)

This award celebrates South Australia's finest young business and community leaders and entrepreneurs whose achievements are creating a significant impact across South Australia.

[Location Based Awards](#)

[Volunteer Achievement Awards](#)

The University's Volunteer Achievement Awards recognise one student, one non-student and two volunteer groups for their exceptional achievements and significant contribution to the University community.

[UniSA Student Volunteer of the year](#)

The University of South Australia Student Volunteer of the Year Award has been established to recognise outstanding volunteerism by a current student within the community and/or on campus. The Award recipient will have made a significant contribution to the wider community and/or campus life through volunteering.

[City of Tea Tree Gully's Youth Achievement Awards](#)

The City of Tea Tree Gully's Youth Achievement Awards acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of local young people, aged 12-25. The awards recognise the important role that young people contribute to their community across 10 categories.

[Wattle Range Council Youth Recognition Awards](#)

Recognises a young individual who has shown excellence in their field through research, study or improvement in their community. This award highlights accomplishments made by youth in innovation in their chosen field, technology ventures or environmental advocacy projects.

Your local Federal or State Member of Parliament will often also have a local award for their electorate.

[Sector Specific Awards](#)

[AIES Young Volunteers Award](#)

The Australian Institute of Emergency Services (AIES) Young Volunteers Award aims to reward one young person for their outstanding and ongoing contributions and commitment to their chosen emergency service. The award winner will receive a fully sponsored voyage in the sail training ship Young Endeavour where he or she can develop their skills in teamwork, leadership and communication.

[RDA National Young Volunteer of the Year Award](#)

RDA Australia depends almost entirely on the efforts of some 3,000 volunteers throughout the country to assist with the delivery of programs, administer centres and care for the horses on who so much depends. The young volunteer must have made an outstanding contribution to their RDA Centre.

[Special Olympics Volunteer of the Year](#)

There are so many people that make the Special Olympics Australia community rich, rewarding and welcoming. Special Olympics Australia has a range of national annual rewards to say thanks, including Young Volunteer of the Year (16-26 years old).

SA Awards – Australian Sailing

These awards recognise the outstanding performances of sailors, volunteers, officials and clubs in South Australia for the year ending 30th June. It's a great chance for your club, its sailors, instructors, coaches, officials and volunteers to be recognised.

SACA Community cricket Award

From clubs and associations to committees, programs, teams and people, the Community Cricket Awards aims to acknowledge the best efforts and outcomes from the season.

SA Country Basketball Council young Achievement Award

The Young Achievement Award aims to recognise the contributions of past athletes who return to the program as volunteer managers and coaches. With the demands on young adults SA Country is grateful that so many of their athletes choose to contribute to the program and the athletes within it.

AFL State Volunteer of the Year Award

To recognise and reward volunteers and ensure their efforts do not go unnoticed, each club, league or association is invited to nominate an outstanding volunteer as an AFL State Volunteer of the Year. The volunteer may have contributed to the completion of a major or significant project throughout the year or they may be someone who has contributed in a number of roles over a long period. Each state and territory will evaluate the nominations and ultimately will determine their State Volunteer of the Year. Other volunteer awards include the AFL Merit Awards and the AFL Volunteer Certificate.

Good Sports Club Champion of the Year

This award recognises the sports club volunteer who is the beating heart of their club. They make their community sporting clubs stronger and more family-friendly by going above and beyond the usual undertakings of a volunteer.

Rugby Australia Volunteer of the Year

This award considers anyone who has volunteered for grassroots rugby over the past two years. There's no job too small when it comes to winning this award - it could be the person who drives the team bus, cuts up the oranges at half time or pumps up the balls at training. The Volunteer of the Year is a role model who inspires others to get involved with our great game and exhibits Rugby Australia's core values: passion, integrity, discipline, respect and teamwork.