

**Rotary International - District 9675 Inc.**

*Stephen Britten Governor 2017- 18*

## **2018 INSPIRATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS**

*Helping Youth to Achieve*

Rotary International is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities.

Rotary Clubs believe in building relationships with local community groups, educational organisations and employers, supporting and inspiring young people in their communities to encourage future leadership.

The objectives of Rotary **Inspirational Youth Awards** are:

**Firstly:** To recognise the commitment and effort involved of the nominated candidate in areas beyond the normal average for community involvement

**Secondly:** To provide for the nominated candidate valuable experience in a panel interview situation.

**Thirdly:** To make known to the public at large the depth and extent of activities in the community in which our youth are involved.

*Awards are made annually in two age categories:*

- Category 1: 14 – 16 years
- Category 2: 17 – 19 years or under 20 years of age

The awards will be presented to the persons who demonstrate a conscientious participation within the community, community groups, their educational organisation or place of work and their general involvement in sports, hobbies, youth or interest groups.

The outstanding nominee will not necessarily be the cleverest, the fastest or the most proficient in the award categories. They will be someone who is involved, concerned and aware of his/her responsibilities and opportunities. Their personal qualities will show that they are prepared to work and support social ideals which are in the best interests of their community.

*See over for information:*

**PURPOSE OF INSPIRATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS:**

The purpose is to seek out and identify from community groups, educational organisations and Rotary Clubs, inspirational young people between the ages of 14 & 20 who demonstrate outstanding commitment and enthusiasm for their communities, but go unrecognised for their contribution.

The young people nominated in this exercise are the **community leaders of tomorrow**. It is hoped that the acknowledgement they receive will encourage them to continue to serve their community knowing that they are appreciated.

Rotary and other clubs and organisations are encouraged to invite these young people to speak at club meetings on youth issues and to participate in forums, action groups and other initiatives. The nominees will benefit from this program by gaining further experience in public speaking while the clubs can benefit from the first-hand information offered to them.

**JUDGING:**

Each nominee will be interviewed by an experienced panel of judges.

It is essential that nominees be available for interviews on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018** between 8.30am and 4.00pm. (*Time and place to be advised*)

Judges decisions will be based on an individual evaluation of each nominee's talents as indicated by their entry form and as discussed at their interview.

**PRIZES:**

The outstanding nominees of each category receive certificates attesting to their success. A monetary contribution to further career development to a meritorious achiever will also be presented. (*Conditions apply*).

**All nominees will receive a certificate of merit which may be beneficial for inclusion in CV's.**

**PRESENTATION:**

The winners will be announced and awards presented during a special event on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018** commencing at 6:30pm.

**DRESS CODE:**

Smart casual attire is acceptable. If representing an educational organisation the code or requirements of the organisation are to be adhered to.

**HOW TO ENTER:**

Category 1 nominations are for persons 14 - 16 years and Category 2 nominations are for persons 17 – 19 years or persons under 20 years of age. Nominees should be sponsored by a Rotary Club and can be from a Community Group, Educational Organisation, Club, Church Group, Scouts, Guides, Business House or Service Club.

Outstanding meritorious achievers of previous years cannot re-apply.

Each nomination will require an entry form completed by the entrant together with **\$30.00 entry fee**. The fee may be paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club or the nominee and forwarded to the address below.

**CLOSING DATE:**

Entries close on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Entries must be made on the attached form and forwarded by the closing date to:

*Postal address:*

**Rotary D9675 – Inspirational Youth Awards  
25 Seidel Avenue  
PICNIC POINT NSW 2213**

*For further information contact:*

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SIZE PHOTO  
OF ENTRANT  
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**ENTRY FORM**  
(Must be completed by entrant)

ENTRANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE AT 31/12/2017 \_\_\_\_\_  
(If under 18 years of age, Parent or Guardian consent for entry is required)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB:  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:  
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SPORTS INVOLVEMENT & HOBBIES:  
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YOUTH GROUP PARTICIPATION:  
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COMMUNITY FACILITIES:  
Please list what you consider could be done to improve the community facilities for young people in your area and why. (List of brief headings only – details on attached sheet.)  
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REFERENCES:  
Two references are required, one from a community member or a certificate acknowledging their involvement in community work and one from the entrants sponsoring Rotary Club. **Include name and contact of referees**

ON AN ATTACHED SHEET EXPLAIN IN 300 WORDS OR LESS HOW BY APPLYING THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST IN THEIR COMMUNITIES PEOPLE CAN IMPROVE THE WAY OF LIFE FOR THOSE AROUND THEM.  
("The four way test" is the basic philosophy of Rotary and is quoted on the back page of this entry form.)

PASSPORT TYPE PHOTOGRAPH:  
A recent passport-sized photograph is to be supplied with the application and attached in the above indicated area.

**We accept that the following rules apply to all entrants in the Inspirational Youth Awards.**

- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- All entrants must be between the ages of **14 and 19 as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**
- To be valid, each entry form must be accompanied by a cheque or money order for **\$30.00 payable to Rotary District 9675 Inspirational Youth Awards. (Please use this exact wording)**
- I agree to the taking of photographs to be used by Rotary International for promotional purposes. I also agree to the publication of photographs and examples of work. I will notify Rotary International if I decide to withdraw this consent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature sponsoring Rotary Club

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Parent or Guardian  
(Nominee is under 18 years of age)

# THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

*Of the things we say and do:*

**Is it the TRUTH?**

**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

**Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

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## ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS

*Awardees of Inspirational Youth Awards will be introduced to and may wish to participate in other Rotary Youth programs such as:*

### **INTERACT CLUBS**

Sponsored and guided by Rotary Clubs in Year 9 to Year 12 at Secondary Schools. Interact clubs encourage students in community service projects and developing better world understanding.

### **ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT (RYPEN)**

Young people (14-17) who deserve further development. The principal aim is to communicate to young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and standards and to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

### **ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)**

Young people (18-25) involved in community youth groups are sponsored by their local Rotary Club to a week-long live-in seminar to learn leadership techniques and exchange ideas on youth activities.

### **ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YEP)**

YEP is an exchange of students between Australia and other countries. Students live with host families and attend school for one year. Ages 14-16 but students must not be older than 18 during the year of exchange.

### **MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)**

Rotary Clubs in conjunction with local high schools sponsor teams to attend MUNA. The program simulates the workings of the United Nations Assembly. Teams of three senior students represent a particular U.N. country in debates on matters of world political and social concern.

### **NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF) & SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**

These programs offer experience for year 11 students giving them the chance to study and meet with scientists and university lecturers in various avenues of science offering an invaluable experience for students wishing to embark on a career in science.

### **ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION (RSE) & U TURN THE WHEEL**

These programs are aimed at year 11 students to educate them about road safety prior to achieving their driver's licence.

### **ROTARACT CLUBS**

Sponsored and guided by Rotary Clubs to operate in their local community - age group 18-29 years. Rotaract Clubs generally operate independently concentrating on social activities as well as undertaking community and worldwide service projects.