



DISTRICT 9685 RECOGNITION OF YOUTH AWARDS 2015

The objectives of Rotary **Recognition of Youth Awards** are fourfold:

- Firstly:** To recognise in each local community, the effort and involvement of the nominated candidate in areas beyond normal school and family life.
- Secondly:** To provide for the nominated candidates, valuable experience in a panel interview situation.
- Thirdly:** To make known to the public at large, as far as possible, the depth and extent of activities in the community in which our youth are involved.
- Fourth:** An introduction to Rotary and our Four Way Test.

For the past 33 years, the Rotary Clubs of Rotary District 9690, embracing much of Sydney's Western Suburbs and the Blue Mountains, have conducted a program to recognise young adults' achievements in their local areas. This year we are hosting the inaugural ROYA for Rotary District 9685.

Awards are made annually in two categories:

Junior - Years 9 and 10
Senior - Under 20 years of age

The awards will be presented to the person who demonstrates a conscientious participation within the community, their school or TAFE College and their general involvement in sports, hobbies, youth or interest groups.

The winner will not necessarily be the cleverest, the fastest or the most proficient in each or all of the award categories. They will be a person who is involved, concerned and aware of their responsibilities and opportunities. The personal qualities of the winner will show that they are prepared to work and support these social ideals, which are in the best interests of our local community.



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WHAT IS ROYA?

While there are winners (which are necessary for the purpose of the competition), the main thrust of the program is to recognise and encourage the nominated candidates - **in this sense every candidate is a "winner"**.

The young people nominated in this exercise are the **community leaders of tomorrow**. It is hoped that the recognition 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 participate in more programs, to speak at Club Meetings on youth issues, and to participate in forums, action groups, etc. The nominees will benefit from this activity 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 29th August, between 8.30am and 4.00pm at Blacktown Workers Club, 55 Campbell St Blacktown.

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

While all allowances will be made for your interview time, you must be in attendance on the day to be eligible to receive the award.

PRIZES

The winners of each category receive a plaque and supporting certificates attesting to their success in the competition. Other prizes may also be awarded. **Every entrant will receive a certificate of recognition.**

PRESENTATION

The winners will be announced and awards presented during a special Awards Night at Blacktown Workers Club, 55 Campbell St, Blacktown on **Thursday 8th October, 2015.**

DRESS CODE

If representing a school the code or requirements of the school are to be adhered to otherwise smart casual attire is acceptable, for both the interview day and the awards night.

HOW TO ENTER

Any junior boy or girl, who is in Years 9 or 10 and any senior boy or girl under 20 years of age, can be nominated and sponsored by a club, church group, Scouts, Guides, school, TAFE, business house or service club.

Each nomination will require an entry form completed by the entrant together with the **\$60 entry fee**. The fee may be paid by the nominee or the sponsoring organisation and forwarded to the address below.

The Rotary 4-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?

CLOSING DATE

Entry forms must be received by the closing date **Friday 24th July 2015** and should be forwarded to:

**ROTARY - RECOGNITION OF YOUTH AWARDS
P O Box 873, Katoomba, NSW 2780**

For further information contact:
Amanda Woods 0410 572 368



**ROTARY
RECOGNITION OF YOUTH AWARDS
2015 ENTRY FORM
(Must be completed by Entrant)**

ATTACH
PASSPORT SIZE
PHOTO OF
ENTRANT
HERE

ENTRANT'S NAME _____

SPONSORING ORGANISATION _____

ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

YEAR _____

MOBILE _____

AGE AT 31/12/2015 _____

(If under 18 years of age, Parent or Guardian consent for entry is required.)

On a separate sheet please give information about your:

1. COMMUNITY SERVICE/INVOLVEMENT

2. SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

3. INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

4. The FOUR WAY TEST

In 300 words or less how would you apply The Rotary Four Way Test in your community.

[The "FOUR WAY TEST" is the basic philosophy of Rotary and is quoted under the *How To Enter* section of this application pack]

5. REFERENCES: two are required to be dated 2014 or 2015 with a minimum of one from outside the entrant's school.

6. PASSPORT TYPE PHOTOGRAPH:

Please attach a recent passport-size photo in the space provided.

COMPLETE AND FORWARD TO: YOUTH DIRECTOR, THE ROTARY CLUB OF (The club nearest your place of residence) or post directly to Rotary - Recognition of Youth Awards, P O Box 873, Katoomba, NSW 2780

We accept that the following rules apply to all entrants in the Rotary Recognition of Youth Awards.

- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- All entrants must be between the ages of 14 and 19 as at 31st December 2015
- **To be valid, each entry form must be accompanied by a cheque or money order for \$60.00 payable to Rotary District 9685 (Please use this exact wording.)**
- Entries close 24th July, 2015
- Presentation night – Thursday, 8th October, 2015

Signed, Nominee

Signed, Sponsoring Organisation

Signed, Parent or Guardian
{If Nominee is under 18 years}