

Armidale Regional Youth Awards 2016

Information Package

The Armidale Regional Youth Awards is an initiative of the Armidale Youth Council to inspire young people, promote and recognize young peoples efforts and achievements, encourage youth, combat negative promotion of young people, celebrate diversity, recognize what is available for young people and the hard work youth workers put into young people.

This is an exciting opportunity for young people to be publicly acknowledged and applauded for the many positive contributions they make to our community.

The Youth Awards are open to all young people between the ages of 12 and 24 who work, live or study within the region. Young people are also able to recognise and publically thank youth workers or people who have supported them.

All young people who are nominated for an award in any category will be awarded with a certificate of nomination.

The awards are organised and run by a committee of young people from local high schools, known as the Youth Council, with the support of Armidale Regional Council's Youth Services Officer.

The awards culminate in an awards ceremony for invited guests where all finalists are recognised and winners announced.

Entry Criteria:

Any young person aged between 12 and 24 who live, works or studies in the Armidale Regional Council area can be nominated for a "Youth Award".

Nomination Process:

Anyone who resides, studies or is employed in the Armidale Regional area can be nominated for a "Youth Award".

Young People are also able to nominate those who have supported, helped, or inspired them in any way. These people may be teachers, youth workers, counsellors, coaches, welfare workers, friends, or anyone else who may have done something for or with them in the Armidale Regional area.

Nomination forms need to be completed and returned to Cara Barnes, Youth Services Coordinator by Tuesday 20th September 5pm. If you wish to nominate a young person for more than one award a separate form will be required for each.

Youth Awards Category and Details

There are 5 main categories with each having specific classifications. Each separate classification will receive an award.

Category	Awards
Sport and Recreation	Team Sport, Individual Sport, Alternative Sport
Arts (Group or Individual)	Drama, Music, Visual, Dance, Photography
Business	Individual Employee, Individual Trade Skills, Business Initiative
Academic	Individual, Group
Community Service (Group or Individual)	Community Involvement, Leadership, Youth Ambassador

Young people are also able to nominate those who have supported them to recognise how they have helped them through struggles or to reach their goals through a Youth Worker Recognition category.

Sport and Recreation Awards Category

Proudly Sponsored by Sport UNE and Armidale Golf Club

This category recognises a young person or group of young people for extraordinary achievement in their chosen sport or fitness goals. It also recognises those who demonstrate a strong commitment not just to his/her sport or recreational pursuit, but also to the wider community or industry. They don't necessarily have to be the most athletic person but recognise sport as an important part of the community.

- Team:** The Team Award recognises any team that has excelled or shown great dedication in their particular field.
- Individual:** The Individual Award recognises any individual that has excelled or shown dedication in their particular field involving the more traditional sports such as football, soccer, cricket, tennis etc.
- Alternative:** The Alternative Award recognises any individual in their particular field involving traditionally unrecognised sports such as skateboarding, BMX riding, Parkour etc.

Arts Award Category (Group or Individual)

Proudly Sponsored by Armidale Decorative Fine Arts Societies - Armidale

This category is for a young person involved in the community, who displays their skill or talent through the arts. It is for an individual or group who displays a large amount of determination to succeed or make a difference in their field.

- Drama: The Drama Award recognises individuals and groups that achieve outstanding excellence in this field, including acting, playwriting etc.
- Music: The Music Award recognises individuals and groups that achieve outstanding excellence or dedication in this field including singing, bands, song writing etc.
- Visual: The Visual Award recognises individual achievements in different media including sculpture, painting, textiles, graphics, metal work, Photography etc.
- Dance: The Dance Award recognises individuals and groups that achieve outstanding excellence and show dedication in this field, including traditional dance, concert/performance dance, street dance etc.

Business Award Category

Proudly Sponsored by Best Employment and Roberts and Morrow

Individual Employee:

This Award gives employers a chance to recognise the achievements of their young staff. Employees must be either

- Employed full time
- Undertaking an apprenticeship
- Undertaking a traineeship

Individual Trade Skills:

The Trade Skills Award recognises individual achievements in the fields of automotive, metal work, wood work, hospitality etc.

Business Initiative:

The Individual Business Initiative Award recognises individuals that have excelled in business or enterprise

Academic Award Category

Proudly Sponsored by One Of A Kind

- Individual:** The Individual Academic Award recognises achievements, hard work and dedication in education including Science and Maths, Technology, Language, English, Humanities, etc.
- Group:** The Group Academic Award recognises the achievements of a group of young people in an educational project or initiative, including those in Science and Maths, Technology, Language, English, Humanities, etc.

Community Service Category

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These award are for a young people who regularly give up his/her valuable time and effort for the benefit of the community, whether locally or globally (not curriculum based).

Community Involvement:

The Community Involvement Award recognises individuals or youth groups that are dedicated to their community. Young people will show dedication and conviction and look to make some kind of action to support others. Young people may be involved in ensuring the safety of young people, community well being, starting initiatives, or taking action towards positive change in a specific area.

- Leadership:** The Leadership Award recognises individuals or groups of young people achieving outstanding excellence in leadership and a dedication to providing a volunteer service to their community.

Youth Ambassador:

This award is for a young individual who collectively shows outstanding dedication to the community and demonstrates the community's values in all aspects of his/her life. This may be demonstrated through any of the following. A positive leader and role model within the community, Has volunteered time to help others, Is selfless and dedicated, expecting nothing in return, Has demonstrated true dedication and passion to his/her cause, whether it be within the workplace, through community service, by overcoming personal difficulties or serving and empowering others, Goes above and beyond the call of duty, Positively affects the community

YOUTH Worker Recognition Opportunity

Young people have the opportunity to recognise their youth workers, coaches, teachers, mentors and other significant people in their lives. If a young person has someone they would like to recognise for their effort, support and influence they have made for them this is a great opportunity to do so publically.

How to enter:

1. Read the information package and select the category which best suits the applicant's achievements.
2. Complete the application form which is available either online (<http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/>) or in the information package.
3. One application form per category, per person, or one application per group.
4. Return the application by Tuesday September 20 5pm to: cbarnes@armidale.nsw.gov.au, fax: 02 6772 9275, by hand to Armidale Regional Council building at 135 Rusden Street, or post: Armidale Youth Awards, Armidale Youth Council, PO Box 75A Armidale NSW 2350

Conditions of Entry:

- Applicants must be between 12 and 24-years-old
- Applicants must either live, work, volunteer or study in the Armidale Regional Council area. Preference is given to nominees whose entry displays involvement or participation within the region.
- People who have moved due to study or work commitments are still eligible to enter if they have lived, worked, volunteered or studied in the region over the previous 12 months
- Emphasis is given to qualities displayed within the nominated category over the previous 12 months. Consideration is still given to involvement in this category prior to these 12 months;
- For any group nominations, at least 80 per cent of the group members must be within the 12 to 24 age group;
- Nominations may only be made on the official entry form by mail, fax, email, hand delivery or online
- All nomination information and material submitted remains the property of Armidale Regional Council and may not be returned;
- Nominees agree to make themselves available without cost for publicity purposes as required prior to and after the awards presentation;
- Nominees agree to allow the use of their nomination information for publicity purposes;
- Those selected as finalists should be available to attend the awards night (inability to attend does not disqualify entry);
- A nominee can be withdrawn at any stage at the judges' discretion, if a recipient's character is called into question;
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into; and,
- Applicants must consent to nomination

Judging criteria:

This will be based on the application form, achievements during the past year, participation in their chosen field, contributions to the Armidale Regional community and lifelong achievements.

Awards Ceremony:

The four finalists from each category will be invited to attend the awards ceremony being held at the Armidale Services Club on October 14.

For more information:

Phone the council's youth services officer
 Cara Barnes on (02) 6770 3678



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Application form

Nominations close on Tuesday 20 September 5pm

Information on the categories is available either in the information package or online at
Initially nominations will be judged on this form and may then be shortlisted and interviewed.
Please provide as much relevant information as possible and any supporting documentation you think appropriate with this application. Please use extra paper and attach where necessary. For people being nominated for more than one category you are required to fill in one application form per category.

Individual Nominee Details

Name of Nominee: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Does the individual know they are being nominated for an award? _____

Group/Team Nomination Details

Group / Team Name: _____

Names of the Group / Team Members: _____

Contact Person for the Group/Team: _____

Postal Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Are all young people in this group aged between 12 and 24 years? _____

Does the group / team know that they are being nominated? _____

Referees (at least one referee not related to the applicant) – referees may be contacted to follow up on information provided

1.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

2.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

☐ Self-nominated ☐ Nominated by someone else

The applicant must consent to being nominated

If nominated by someone else:

Name of nominator: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to the applicant for example teacher, family friend:

Award being nominated for: _____

Application questions - attach additional pages if required.

Why are you nominating this person/yourself for this award?

List any highlights or personal achievements that relate to the award criteria:

Please provide any evidence to aid judging, for example, awards or certificates:

Additional information:

How did you hear about the Youth Awards? _____