

Armidale Regional Youth Awards 2017

Information Package

The Armidale Regional Youth Awards is an initiative of the Armidale Regional Youth Advisory Committee (ARYAC) to inspire, promote and recognize young peoples' efforts and achievements. We aim to encourage youth, combat negative perception of young people, celebrate diversity and 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 applaud 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, coaches, teachers or anyone 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, 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, work or studies in the Armidale Regional Council area can be nominated for a "Youth Award".

Nomination Process:

Nomination forms need to be completed and returned to Cara Barnes, Youth Services Coordinator by Monday August 28, 9am. If you wish to nominate a young person or group of young people for more than one award a separate form will be required for each nomination.

In each category there are two age groups 12 – 15 years and 16 – 24 years of age.

Young People are invited to nominate people who have supported, helped, or inspired them. 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.

Youth Awards Category and Details

Choose a Category to nominate a young person in, individuals and groups can be nominated in each category. Each Category will be judged as a whole.

Category	Awards
Sport and Recreation	2 Awards
Arts	3 Awards
Business	1 Award
Academic	2 Awards
Community Service	3 Awards
Commitment and Perseverance	1 Award
Youth Worker Recognition	TBA

Sport and Recreation Awards Category

This category recognises 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 or team but recognise sport as an important part of the community.

Arts Award Category

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.

Business Award Category

This Award gives employers a chance to recognise the achievements of their young staff, trainees and/or apprentices. This is also an opportunity to recognise young people who have started their own business and worked hard to achieve success.

Academic Award Category

Individuals or Groups can be nominated in this category to recognise young peoples achievements, hard work and dedication to their education.

Community Service Category

These awards are for 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). Young people who show dedication and conviction and look to take some kind of action to support others. Examples include working towards ensuring the safety of young people, community well being, starting initiatives, or taking action towards positive change in a specific area. Young people may receive a Community Involvement Award, Leadership Award or Youth Ambassador Award.

Perseverance and Persistence Award

This award recognises the young people who continue against the odds. We aim to encourage and support those young people who persist and don't give up because they inspire us to do the same.

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 Monday August 28, 9am, fax: 02 6772 9275, by hand to Armidale Regional Council building at 135 Rusden Street, or post: Armidale Youth Awards, Armidale Regional Youth Advisory Committee, 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 in the community.
- 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
- For any group nominations, at least 80 per cent of the group members must be within the 12 to 24 age group;
- Nominations must be made on the official entry form
- All nomination information and material submitted remains the property of Armidale Regional Council.
- 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;
- Attendance at the awards night is strongly encouraged
- A nominee can be withdrawn at any stage
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 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:

Nominated young people will be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony being held at the Services Club on September 19.

For more information:

Phone the Armidale Regional Council's Youth Services Coordinator
Cara Barnes on (02) 6770 3605

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Application form

Nominations close on Monday August 28, 9am

Information on the categories is available either in the information package or online at **www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au**

Initially nominations will be judged on this form and may then be shortlisted, interviewed and referee checked. 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.

Nominee Details

Name of Nominee: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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 individual/ group / team know that they are being nominated? _____

