YAS | YOUNG ACHIEVER SCHEME

GUIDELINES
Through its Young Achiever Scheme (YAS), Wodonga Council recognises and supports young people (24 years and under) who display an outstanding commitment to and/or achievement in their chosen endeavour. The scheme provides financial assistance to young people to participate, develop skills, compete, perform or represent Wodonga in their chosen endeavour at a state, national or international level. Individuals or groups are eligible to apply.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be 24 years of age or under at the conclusion of the activity;
- Be representing Wodonga;
- Be participating, developing skills, competing, performing or representing their chosen endeavour at a state, national or international level;
- Be able to provide the council with proof of participation at a state, national or international level; and
- Must not be paid for their performance or participation.

**CATEGORIES**

- Arts, performance, music and dance
- Sport and recreation
- Cultural
- Agricultural, environmental and sustainability
- Community leadership
- Education and training
If you wish to apply, you will need to fill out the Young Achiever Scheme (YAS) application form at wodonga.vic.gov.au/yas. For more information please phone the Youth Services Officer on (02) 6022 9300 or email youth@wodonga.vic.gov.au

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Individual:
- $200 – state level;
- $400 – national level; or
- $600 – international level.

GROUPS

If three or more applications are received from individuals to attend the same activity, the financial assistance will be allocated to the group NOT individuals.
- $400 – state level;
- $600 – national level; or
- $800 – international level.

Applicants are ineligible if they have received support from the scheme in the same category/same level in the previous 18 months. Financial assistance will be awarded until the annual YAS budget is expended.

THE FOLLOWING ARE INELIGIBLE:

- Applications for team officials, organisers or coaches;
- Applicants who receive individual commercial sponsorship of $1000 or more;
- Applications from schools and tertiary institutions;
- Activities that promote alcohol, gambling and smoking; and
- Activities that encourage an unhealthy portrayal of body image.

CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

Applications will be accepted throughout the year;
- Applications must be made on the official application form;
- Applications must be lodged three weeks prior to attending the activity;
- Applications must include proof of participation in the activity;
- If an activity is cancelled or an applicant is unable to attend, funding must be returned to the council; and
- Successful applicants will be formally recognised at a public council meeting and are expected to provide information for a media release.