HOW TO ENTER

1. Read the information provided and select the category which best suits the applicant’s achievements.

2. Complete the application form which is available either online or attached to this information sheet.

3. One application form per category and/or per person.

4. Return the application form by:

   **MAIL** Wodonga Council Youth Development Officer, Scott Bates, PO Box 923, Wodonga, VIC 3689;

   **IN PERSON AT** Wodonga Council, 104 Hovell St, Wodonga;

   **EMAIL** rcya@wodonga.vic.gov.au; or,

   **ONLINE** application at wod.city/rcya
2020 Categories and Criteria

**INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE**
**Sponsor: Junction Support Services**
This award is for a young person who regularly gives up their valuable time for the benefit of the community, whether locally or globally (not curriculum based).
This may be demonstrated through any of the following.
- Commitment to volunteering
- Addressing a community need or issue
- Has organised or been involved in a community group or activity which has improved people’s lives
- Made a positive contribution to an organisation or group that is community focused
- Actively encourages participation of youth in the community

**SPORT AND RECREATION VOLUNTEER**
**Sponsor: Albury Wodonga Aquatics Facilities**
This award is for a young person who demonstrates a strong commitment not just to their sport or recreational pursuit, but to the wider community.
This could be an individual that demonstrates any of the following.
- Volunteering, resulting in achievement through leadership (such as umpiring, coaching, general assistance, administration, canteen or runner)
- Making positive contributions to their club or organisation (for example, through fundraising, advocacy)

**YOUNG CARER**
**Sponsor: Gateway Health**
This award recognises an individual who goes above and beyond as a carer for a family member, relative, or friend with a disability, mental illness or chronic condition.
This may be demonstrated through any of the following.
- Caring for others by cooking, banking, shopping, driving or daily chores
- Generally giving their time to making life more comfortable for someone else

**COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**
**Sponsor: Wodonga TAFE**
This award is for a young person that demonstrates a high level of dedication to their learning and development, including commitment to schooling and education as well as other professional development/learning opportunities.
This person may approach their work/learning in the following ways:
- Displays a positive attitude in the work they do and is continually seeking out opportunities to improve
- Demonstrates a willingness to work with, and learn from others
- Performs extra duties beyond those normally assigned to improve outcomes
- Displays passion at all times and shares their enthusiasm for learning and development opportunities with others
- Maintains dedication and commitment in the face of adversity and learns from challenges
- Is known as a good learner who enriches and enhances the wider community

**MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS**
**Sponsor: Projection Dance**
This award is for a young person involved in the Music and Performing arts community, who not only displays their skill or talent, but also uses it to impact positively on the community. It is for an individual who displays a large amount of determination to maintain equity and equality within the Music and Performing arts Industry.
This may be demonstrated through any of the following.
- Being supportive and actively involved in the music and/or performing arts industry
- Making a particular effort to mentor or teach others in their chosen medium
- Shows passion and dedication to their chosen field
- Using their talent to volunteer or make a contribution to the community
- Actively volunteering in committees or organisations within the Music and Performing arts industry
VISUAL ARTS AND MEDIA  
Sponsor: Dutch Media  
This award is for a young person who positively contributes to the broader community, whilst excelling in the area of the arts showing a large amount of dedication. This could include (but is not limited to) photography, videography, producing, directing, digital art/media, drawing, sculpture, painting, writing, fashion, textiles or film.  
This may be demonstrated through any of the following.  
• Have entered or displayed their works in the community  
• Shown a high level of skill in their chosen field  
• Display ambition and motivation towards their chosen medium/field  
• Teaching others arts and media based skills  
• Donating their works or proceeds from their work to others in need or back into the Arts Industry

ENDURANCE AND RESILIENCE  
Sponsor: Indie School  
This award is for a young person who has demonstrated personal growth through resilience and endurance to overcome challenges or hardships in any aspect of their life.  
This may be demonstrated through any of the following.  
• Family – domestic violence, separation, loss and grief etc  
• Culture – discrimination, isolation, language barriers, lack of resources available  
• Sexual orientation – discrimination, isolation, family barriers, lack of support  
• Geographic location – isolation, transport, lack of resources  
• Employment – unemployment, lack of hours, job satisfaction, workplace bullying, issues in the workplace  
• Health – mental health, chronic illness or disease, sports injury  
• Disability – physical, intellectual, mental health

YOUNG WORKER  
Sponsor: ATEL Employment Services  
This award is for a young person currently, or in the last 12 months, undertaking either casual, part time, full time employment or a traineeship or apprenticeship who displays a strong work ethic, a high level of professionalism and a willingness to learn.  
This may be demonstrated through performing tasks such as any of the following.  
• Displaying a high level of commitment and skill to their chosen field  
• Overcoming challenges to achieve success in the workplace  
• A consistent, dedicated and positive approach to their work  
• Responds well to feedback and constructive criticism  
• Exceeding expectations to go above and beyond the normal call of duty both in the workplace and the community  
• Is a team player, showing communication and leadership skills within the workplace

ADVOCACY AND ACTION  
Sponsor: Rotary Club Wodonga Central  
This award is for a young person who commits time and energy to bring about positive change in the community.  
This will be demonstrated through raising awareness and helping create positive change for any of the following (but not limited to):  
• Animal welfare – rehabilitation and rescue of animals  
• Environmental issues – sustainability, climate change, natural disasters, volunteer work for SES, CFA etc.  
• Mental Health and wellbeing – Social connectedness and belonging, volunteering on committees  
• Supporting and encouraging minority groups in the community
NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- Applicants must be between 14 and 24 years old as of May 2020;
- Applicants must either live, work, volunteer or study in Wodonga. Preference is given to nominees whose entry displays involvement or participation within the Wodonga 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 Wodonga at any point over the previous 12 months (up to May 2020);
- 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;
- Previous finalists of the Red Carpet Youth Awards can reapply in the same category;
- Previous winners of a Red Carpet Youth Award can only apply for a different category to that which they won;
- Nominations may only be made on the official entry form by mail, email, in person or online;
- All nomination information and material submitted remains the property of Wodonga Council and may not be returned;
- Nominees agree to make themselves available without cost 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 judge’s 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

Will be based on the application form, achievements during the past year, participation in their chosen field, contributions to the Wodonga community and lifelong achievements.

GALA DINNER

The finalists from each category will be invited to attend the Gala dinner being held on Friday, August 7, 2020.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact council’s Youth Development Officer Scott Bates on 02 6022 9701 or email rcya@wodonga.vic.gov.au.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020 AT 5PM