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 (makewodongayours.com.au) 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, 194B High St, Wodonga;

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

   **ONLINE** application at makewodongayours.com.au
2019 Categories and Criteria

**INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**
Sponsored by Junction Support Services

This category 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 AWARD**
Sponsored by Albury Wodonga Aquatics Facilities

This category 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)

**ENDURANCE AND RESILIENCE AWARD**
Sponsored by Indie School

This category is for a young person who has demonstrated personal growth and endurance to overcome hardships.

This may be demonstrated through any of the following:
- Family
- Culture
- Sexual orientation
- Geographic location
- Long-term unemployment
- Health
- Disability

**COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT AWARD**
Sponsored by Wodonga TAFE

This category 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 always displays a positive attitude in the work they do and is continually seeking out opportunities to improve.

This person may approach their work/learning in the following ways:
- Seeks out opportunities for learning and development
- Demonstrates a willingness to work with, and learn from others
- Performs extra duties beyond those normally assigned to improve outcomes
- Shares 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 AWARD**
Sponsored by Projection Dance

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

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
- Using their talent to volunteer or make a contribution to the community

Fields could include the following (but not limited to):
- Being part of an ensemble, dance group or band, or performing solo
- Singing, playing an instrument, dance, drama, circus, street performance, back stage crew or comedy acts
- Supporting performers back of house through audio visual support
VISUAL ARTS AND MEDIA AWARD
Sponsored by Dutch Media

This category is for a young person who positively contributes to the community, whilst excelling in the area of the arts showing a large amount of dedication. This could include (but is not limited to) photography, 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 or at school
- Shown a high level of skill in their chosen field
- Displayed ambition and motivation with their works
- Have reached a high level of achievement which has been recognised
- Teaching others arts and media based skills
- Donating their works

YOUNG CARER AWARD
Sponsored by GenesisCare Radiation Oncology Centre Albury Wodonga

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

YOUNG WORKER AWARD
Sponsored by ATEL Employment Services

This category 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 and a high level of professionalism and also contributes positively to the community.

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

- 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 in the workplace

ADVOCACY AND ACTION AWARD
Sponsored by Rotary Club Wodonga Central

This category is for a young person who commits time and energy by lending their voice to bring about positive change in the community.

This will be demonstrated through raising awareness and creating positive change for any of the following (but not limited to):
- Animal welfare
- Environmental issues
- Social wellbeing
- Supporting minority groups in the community
- Mental health

YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD
Sponsored by Business Wodonga

You cannot be nominated for this category. Applicants will be chosen from those interviewed for the previous awards.

This category is for a young individual who collectively shows outstanding dedication to the community and demonstrates the community’s values in all aspects of their 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 their 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

Please refer to nomination guidelines on reverse
NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- Applicants must be between 14 and 24-years-old as of January 1, 2019;
- 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 over the previous 12 months (up to May, 2019);
- 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;
- Winners of a previous RED Carpet Youth Awards 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 (makewodongayours.com.au);
- 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 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
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 2, 2019.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Phone council’s Youth Development Officer Scott Bates on (02) 6022 9701 or go to makewodongayours.com.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019 AT 5PM