



Australian Government
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South Australian Multicultural Youth Awards Criteria and Guidelines

PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

Multicultural Youth South Australia Inc (MYSA) is the state representative advocacy and service delivery body for young migrants and refugees in South Australia. MYSA has received project funding from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) through the *Living in Harmony* Program. The aim of the program is to encourage local communities to play a positive role in engaging the whole community in promoting Australian values, mutual respect, and mutual obligation, as well as addressing issues of intolerance in Australia.

MYSA's project is titled *M.Y. CULTURE (Multicultural Youth Culture)* and will focus on promoting cultural awareness and positive images of newly arrived young people to the wider community. The South Australian Multicultural Youth Awards is a key feature of this project as the young people recognised will go on to play a significant role in this project over the next 12 months.

The Awards aim to:

- Recognise the achievements and contributions of multicultural young people in South Australia.
- Recognise the resilience and promote positive images of multicultural young people in the community.
- Empower and support multicultural young people to become Multicultural Youth Ambassadors in the community to help increase cultural awareness and understanding.
- Equip multicultural young people with the knowledge and skills to promote diversity and mutual respect in the wider community.
- To showcase multicultural youth talent and develop young role models in the community.

CRITERIA - WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

Nominees must be:

- Aged between 15 and 24 years old (at the time of nomination).
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
- Residing in South Australia.
- Committed to fulfil the role of Multicultural Youth Ambassador for the next 12 months (see conditions section for further details).
- Able to satisfy the criteria regarding achievements, contributions, skills, abilities in various areas including education, sports, music, community involvement or others.

Important Note: As Australia is a multicultural society, MYSA welcomes nominations for all young people.

CONDITIONS

All nominees must understand and agree to the following conditions. Multicultural Youth Award Winners will receive various prizes as well as the title of Multicultural Youth Ambassador for a 12 month period. During this time all nominees must be willing to participate in the following activities:

- Attend the Multicultural Youth Harmony Event to be held on 25th March 2007 to be formally awarded and recognised
- Attend Multicultural Youth Ambassador meetings to comment and contribute to the MY Culture project
- Participate in workshop sessions on public speaking, Australian norms and culture, and rights and responsibilities
- Participate in the development of a Multicultural Youth Resource book and DVD by sharing their experiences and those of others through interviews and film and photo shoots
- Attend various speaking engagements including school visits and presentations, forums and launch of MY Culture book and DVD.
- Participate in media opportunities for both the MY Culture Project and *Living in Harmony* program
- Adhere to a code of conduct associated with undertaking the role of Multicultural Youth Ambassador. (A copy of the code of conduct will be supplied to winners)

KEY DATES

- The South Australian Multicultural Youth Awards nomination process will open on: Monday 29th January 2007
- The South Australian Multicultural Youth Awards nomination process will close on: Friday 9th March 2007

Please note: The decision of the independent Awards panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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Nominations and supporting documents should be marked confidential and sent to:

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