

Who is eligible to enter Youth of the Year

Entry is open to all Australian youth.

“Australian Youth” means a young person who satisfies the requirements set out in the next following sub-clause and who at the beginning of the Program year (July 1) is:

1. A citizen of Australia, PNG or Norfolk island or
2. A person having the right to reside in Australia for a period of not less than two years and six months (2½ years) from that date – and who will continue to reside in Australia not less than the period (this is to ensure that the winner is available for all travel related prizes awarded at the National Final), and
3. Is over the age of 15 as at 30th June of the year of the National Final and is also under the age of 19 years as at the 30th June in the Year of the National Final.



How can I enter

1. At school, see your Principal or Year level Co-ordinator, as meet the above eligibility requirements.
2. Actively involved in sporting activities at school or outside school and meet the above eligibility requirements.

3. Actively Involved in TS CENTAUR and meet the above eligibility requirements.
4. Active in other volunteering activities and meet the above eligibility requirements.
5. Visit the Maleny Blackall Range Lions Club website and contact the Secretary of the Club for and Application Form.

No matter the pathway you choose to enter the Youth of the Year the Principal of the School where you completed your education needs to sign off on your Application Form.

Costs

There is no cost to enter.

If you should win at Club level and progress through the next levels (see over), your costs and the travel/accommodation costs of yourself and one family member will be met by the Club, or District, if you should reach the National final.



How are contestants assessed

Youth of the Year does not favour any one group such as academics, the sports oriented or good public speakers. All round ability is what is looked for. We look for an attitude that demonstrates a community – mindedness and an interest in what is going on in the world around, hence the weighting is towards leadership, sporting and cultural awareness, personality and general knowledge.

• Leadership	15
• Sporting and Cultural	10
• Citizenship and the Community	10
• Personality	15
• General Knowledge	20
• Academic	10
Public Speaking	
• Impromptu	10
• Prepared Speech	15
• Diction	5
TOTAL	110

How is the judging done

There are two stages to the judging process.

First Stage: this is individual judging, where contestants meet with judges. At this stage, the judges are looking to confirm information in your application form. They may ask questions to determine your level of general knowledge, and to assess your attitude and philosophies on life. It is a private judging that 80 of the 110 points are scored.

Second Stage is the public judging. You are required to respond to two, two minute impromptu questions on topics chosen for you and one five-minute prepared speech on a topic of your choice. This stage is open to the public.

How many levels of competition are there?

- Club, held late February
- Zone, normally one week later
- Region, two weeks before the District final
- District, two weeks before the State final
- State, three weeks before the national final
- National, at a convention held late May

What sort of prizes can you win

1. The Maleny Blackall Range Club winner receives a \$1,000 bursary towards personal development expenses, e.g.:
 - a. academic studies,
 - b. leadership and personal development courses/workshops,
 - c. sporting e.g. gym membership, or
 - d. trade tools, and
 - e. If you choose to participate in the Lions Youth Exchange Program within 12 months of winning the Club judging, you will also receive up to \$1,000 towards costs (uniform package \$240, non-refundable deposit with application \$750).
2. The Club Public Speaking winner (if a different person) wins a \$200 bursary to use as above.

3. Prizes at all levels through the competition.
4. Each State winner receives \$5000 spending money.
5. All National Finalists (Australia and Papua and New Guinea) receive a trip to the Lions International Youth Camp at Rotorua in New Zealand followed by a trip to the National Winners home state a total of 16 days duration over the summer holidays.
6. The National Winner receives an overseas trip to a destination of their choice to the value of \$4,000 plus \$1,000 spending money.

Lions Australia Youth of the Year website

<http://lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/yoty/>



www.malenyblackallrange.qld.lions.org.au

MALENY BLACKALL RANGE LIONS CLUB



WHAT IS THE LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

The Lions Youth of the Year Program is a program designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in young people, at the age when you are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education.

Why would you want to enter the Youth of the Year

Youth of the Year provides you with tremendous benefits.

- Opportunities to develop self confidence
- Experience in public speaking
- Interview experience
- Opportunities to meet and interact with other high achievers
- Opportunities to travel
- Worthwhile additions to your CVs.

Previous participants in this quest have found they are better equipped to deal with interview situations, because they have become more confident of their ability and have learned to handle stress. Consequently, they have performed better, and have enhanced their chances of getting that elusive job, scholarship or admission to the course at TAFE or University they are after.