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

How can you benefit?

'Lions Youth of the Year' ('YOTY') Program was established more than 50 years ago with the objective of developing and honing participants' skills associated with interview technique, personal interaction, networking, public speaking and 'thinking-on-your-feet'.

As you leave school and enter employment or further education such skills will be invaluable tools in establishing your career path on a positive trajectory.

The Entry Form seeks data for an interview, which all entrants undergo as an initial step.

Can I enter? Am I eligible? You are encouraged to enter the YOTY program if you:

1. are attending (or have attended) a high school or other secondary educational establishments including correspondence schools and technical colleges, during the Lions year (1st July - 30th June) or part thereof;
2. are a citizen of Australia, PNG or Norfolk Island;
3. are a permanent resident of Australia.
4. attain the age of 15, and be under the age of 19 years, as at, or by, 30th June of the year of the national final of the Program. You must enter the program with only one club. Previous State winners are ineligible.

To find out more and meet other participants visit: Lions Australia YOTY Facebook Page; Youth of the Year Australia, and the Lions Australia website; www.lionsclubs.org.au/YOTY

The evaluation process.

'The 'YOTY' program is conducted over a series of 'finals' commencing at your host club level, leading to Zone, Regional, District, State and National where the procedure at each of these events is for entrants to participate in an interview and public speaking events at which a speech of five minutes' duration and responses to two impromptu questions are required. The highest scoring entrant in a final is invited to proceed to a following final.

A panel of independent judges will evaluate you at each of the above finals. It is important to note that the judges are not members of a Lions club or an organization associated with a entrant in any way.

Their evaluation will be conducted in accordance with the following criteria: (A total of 100 points is possible).

Interview (up to 40 minutes' duration)	Points	Public Speaking	Points
Initiatives taken at school	15	Impromptu Questions	10
Activities & Involvement Outside School	20	Prepared Speech	15
School Academic Achievements	10	Presentation	5
General Knowledge	15	Sub total	30
Presentation during the interview	10		
Sub total	70		

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to contestants at all levels throughout the Youth of the Year Program. Lions Clubs International of Australia and Papua New Guinea will award all National finalists, including the National winner, attendance at a Lions International Youth Camp in New Zealand followed by a tour to the National Winner's home state, a total of 16 days' duration during the summer holidays. Each state winner will also receive \$500.

(If a state winner is unable to attend the LIYC and/or the tour to the National Winner's home state, then the prize will be awarded to the state's runner-up).

- The National Overall Winner receives \$5,000 on the occasion of his/her eighteenth birthday.
- The National Public Speaking Winner receives \$2,500 on the occasion of his/her eighteenth birthday.
- In the event that the National Public Speaking Winner is also the National Winner, then just the one prize, \$5,000, will be awarded.

Students may submit an updated Entry Form at any stage of the program, up to and including the State Final. Revised Entry Forms must be endorsed by the contestant's school and sponsoring Lions Club. The revised Entry Form must be submitted to the relevant YOTY Chairperson at least seven days prior to the conduct of that Youth of the Year final.

Entry Form

Family Name

Given Name

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Address

State

Post Code

Telephone landline

Telephone mobile

Date of Birth

Age as at 30 June, 2021

School

Email Address

Please enter your details, then ask your Parent/Guardian to enter their relevant details and email your completed form to your School Principal or his/her delegate to verify your academic claims.

Entry forms may be updated and resubmitted at any stage up to and including the State Final. Resubmitted forms must be received by the YOTY chairperson of that particular final/stage, at least one week before that final. It must also be endorsed by the School's Principal and a Lions Club representative, or their delegates.

1. I agree to abide by the rules of the Youth of the Year Program.
2. I am within the age group specified in the rules.
3. I will not compete at more than one Youth of the Year Program event in the same Lions year.
4. In the event of any travel incurred by my participation in any level of the Youth of the Year Program, I accept authority and direction of the Program organizers and/or appointees.
5. I will be available to participate, should I progress, through all stages of the Youth of the Year Program up to and including the National Final.
6. In consideration of my acceptance as a Participant in the Youth of the Year Program conducted by Multiple District 201 of Lions Clubs International Inc., I acknowledge and accept that the Program may attract media exposure and that my name, the name and particulars of any School of which I am a student and/or my photograph may be published by the media, the Australian Lions Magazine known as "The Lion" and/or on any Lions Website.

I AGREE I DISAGREE to any such publication.

Please note: In the Public Speaking section of the Program the following rule applies:

A microphone is the only aid permitted (lapel or roving microphones are acceptable, but only if they are available at the venue used). No other aids are permitted including, but not limited to, electronic devices, electronic presentations, charts, props, special clothing items, furniture, music, musical instruments, photos, stop watch etc.

By ticking this check box I consent to the terms and conditions of entry.

Date

Consent of parent or guardian

By ticking this check box, I grant-

(Name of entrant)

permission to enter the Youth of the Year Program.

I also consent to the terms and condition of entry.

Date

Name of parent/guardian

Email address

Telephone (Preferably Mobile)

Parent/Guardian. Upon completion of this form by the entrant, please email it in it's entirety to their school Principal or Delegate. This will then constitute verification of your consent for the applicant to enter the program.

Entrant's Name:

ALL INFORMATION IS TO BE INCLUDED ON THIS FORM. NO ATTACHMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The Interview: What the judges would like to know about you.

1. Initiatives taken at School.

Outline your interest in, involvement with, and contribution to committee membership, active participation taken and achievement attained over the last two years.

School activities and organizations:

Sporting teams:

Cultural: (Music, debating, drama, special academic programs, etc)

Leadership and Achievements: (Has your involvement in any of the foregoing and other activities led to a leadership position, receiving awards or prizes?)

2. Activities and Involvement outside School.

Please list all activities undertaken over the last two years.

Sporting:

Cultural: (Music, public speaking, poetry reading, painting, etc)

Citizenship and Community Involvement: (List all examples of your involvement over the last two years in the community such as working with aged persons and/or underprivileged, coaching, volunteering for environmental and other causes, etc. Also include such activities which may be school based).

Representations, achievements and Awards: (Has your involvement in the foregoing activities resulted in you receiving such recognition? Please list covering the last two years).

3. Academic Achievements.

Describe your general studies over the last two years as follows:

Subjects and Levels (A, B, C etc) passed:

Subjects currently being studied:

Recognition: (Have your academic endeavours resulted in any commendations, prizes, awards or scholarships? Please list).

4. Aspirations.

What are your plans after leaving school? Please describe the worthwhile activity; volunteering, field of employment or tertiary study you wish to enter.

4. Aspirations (continued)

Your strengths and characteristics: Describe the strengths and characteristics that will ensure success in your intended field of employment, tertiary study and eventual career.

YOTY participation: How might your participation in YOTY assist you in the future?

Hobbies and Interests:

School Declaration:

By ticking this check box, I confirm that the academic and other claims made by the student in sections 1 and 3 of this entry form are true and correct at the time of submission.

Principal's or Delegate's Name:

Position:

Date:

School Delegate: Upon completion, please email this form to the Lions Club's chairperson, below. This will be considered as your confirmation that the academic claims are correct at the time of writing.

Lions, Leos or Lioness Club of

Club Youth of the Year Chairperson

Email Address