



## FAIRFIELD CITY MAYOR'S YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2025

### CATEGORIES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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#### 1. PURPOSE

The Fairfield City Mayor's Youth Achievement Awards aim to recognise the work, leadership and achievements of young people in the Fairfield Local Government Area (Fairfield City).

The annual awards give recognition to young people in the following categories:

- Creating Change
- Sports Impact
- Leadership
- Creative Arts
- New Beginnings
- Phoenix Award
- Outstanding Youth Group
- First Nations Youth

The awards are an opportunity to publicly acknowledge and recognise young people for their leadership, passion, commitment and enthusiasm. This award is designed to bring young people to the forefront and recognise their contribution to Fairfield City.

The Mayor's Youth Achievement Awards are celebrated at an Awards Night on Thursday 26 June 2025.

#### 2. CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

Nominations must demonstrate how their achievements and experiences meet the criteria for each category. The same person can be nominated for more than one category provided they meet the criteria, however the number of times they are nominated bears no weight on the outcome of each nomination.

Criteria for each of the eight categories include:

### **Creating Change Award**

- Young people who create positive change in the community by leading new or existing social, cultural or environmental initiatives

### **Sports Impact Award**

- Young people who have achieved excellence in their chosen sport
- Young people who act as positive role models through their participation in sport, by demonstrating leadership and positive life values

### **Leadership Award**

- Young people who lead by example and inspire others to pursue their personal best, or
- Young people who have a positive influence and play a significant role in representing the voices of young people in Fairfield City

### **Creative Arts Award**

- Young people who demonstrate excellence in the creative arts through creative practice or arts administration

### **New Beginnings Award**

- Newly arrived young people who have displayed strong leadership potential while settling in Australia
- Nominations in this category must be young people who have settled in Australia within the past 5 years

### **Phoenix Award**

- Young people who demonstrate resilience by overcoming significant personal challenges
- Young people who are empowered by their experiences and resilience for their personal growth or to help and inspire others

### **Outstanding Youth Group**

- Organised youth groups who work towards positive outcomes for the community while developing the skills and capacity of its members
- Nominated groups must be comprised entirely or primarily of young people aged between 12 and 24
- Nominations in this category must be groups, not individuals. Young people must have a direct role in the planning and delivery of the group's activities

### **First Nations Youth Award**

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who demonstrate achievement in various areas including school, workplace or sporting participation, leadership activities and cultural advancement
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who have demonstrated pride in Fairfield's local Aboriginal heritage and culture and respect for cultural differences in our communities
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who have demonstrated a commitment to the Reconciliation movement and processes to improve relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the wider community

### **3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

The following conditions must be met for a nominee to be eligible. The nominator must also ensure the nominee meets the criteria of the category they have selected to be eligible.

1. Nominees must be:
  - a. young people aged between 12 and 24 at the time of the activity
  - b. a resident of Fairfield City, or have a clear and meaningful connection to Fairfield City and be able to demonstrate their achievements are undertaken in (and have a clear and direct impact within) Fairfield City
2. Council employees may submit nominations, excluding members of
  - a. the Executive Leadership Team
  - b. Social Planning and Community Development Division
  - c. Council staff members of the Assessment Committee

Fairfield City Council has a diverse and significantly local workforce. These eligibility criteria do not seek to exclude nominations from local staff members who are not involved in the decision making or planning processes of the Youth Achievement Awards.

3. Nominations must include the name and contact details of one Referee
4. Nominations must be completed using the Mayor's Youth Achievement Awards nomination form found online. A paper version may be provided on request if there are barriers accessing the online form
5. The nomination form must be completed in full; otherwise the nomination will be ineligible
6. The nomination should directly relate to the relevant criteria of the award category being nominated for
7. An individual need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight on the outcome



8. Winners should be available to attend the Mayor's Achievement Awards Night that will be announced at the time of nominations (inability to attend does not disqualify entry)
9. Nomination information may be used for publicity purposes
10. The decision of the *Fairfield City Mayor's Youth Achievement Awards* assessment committee is final, and no correspondence will be entered into
11. Nominations close Thursday 12 June 2025.

#### **4. CONFIDENTIALITY**

##### **PRIVACY & PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT 1988**

The information provided by the nominator on the Fairfield City Mayor's Youth Achievement Awards nomination form will be used by Fairfield City Council to process this nomination. The provision of this information is voluntary, however, if you do not provide the information, Council may not be able to accept your nomination. Once collected, the information can be accessed by you in accordance with Council's Privacy Management Plan, where legislation requires you give permission to third party access.

#### **5. ENQUIRIES**

Please contact the Social Planning and Community Development Division on 9725 0222 or email [scd@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:scd@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au) for more information.