



STUDENT ENTRY FORM

2025-2026

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Using this form:

- **Please use Adobe Acrobat Reader when filling in this form, other systems may remove writable text boxes**
- This is a writable PDF document and is easily sent by email between parties
- Adobe Acrobat Reader is free and can be downloaded from the [Adobe Website](#)
- There is no need for Entrants, Parent/Guardians, or Schools to print this form
- Ensure that all information is typed in

Entrant: Fill in the form and email the completed form to your parent/guardian

Parent/Guardian: Give your consent by filling in the relevant fields and ticking the boxes as confirmation. Email the form to the school delegate

School Delegate: Tick the checkbox on page 7, fill in your details and email the completed form to the Lions Club Chairperson as your confirmation that all the academic claims made by the Entrant are correct, to the best of your knowledge

There is no need to physically sign this form at any stage



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This form is a writable document & only available from your
Lions Club Youth of the Year Chairperson

Please type all information into this form

*It is a writable PDF because all information needs to be clear and transmittable
Do not print and handwrite this form*

How can you benefit from participating in the Lions Youth of the Year program?

The Lions Youth of the Year ('YOTY') Program was established more than 60 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 establishment in Australia (including correspondence schools, technical colleges and home schooling) during the Lions year (1st July – 30th June) or part thereof;
2. are at least 15 and under 19 years of age as at, or by, 30th June in the year of the National Final of the program. You must enter the program with only one Lions club. Previous State Winners are ineligible.

To find out more and meet other participants, visit: [Lions Australia Facebook page](#) &/or [Lions Australia Youth of the Year website](#).

The evaluation process:

The 'YOTY' program is conducted over a series of 'Finals' commencing at your host club level, leading to Zone, Region, District, State and National. The procedure at each of these Finals is for entrants to participate in an interview and a public speaking event, 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 an organisation associated with an entrant in any way, however a Lions member may be a judge at some levels.

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

Interview (20 to 30 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	Public Speaking Subtotal	30
Presentation During Interview	10	Interview Subtotal	70
Interview Subtotal	70	Grand Total	100

Filling in your Entry Form:

This form is all about you and what you would like the judges to know about you as a person, a leader within your school and community and your aims, goals and achievements. *It is about your strengths, not your weaknesses.*

The sections throughout the form are suggested fields for you to fill in but they are not definitive and you won't be judged negatively if fields are left blank. For example: You may not play sport and have no interest in sport, but you are in the School Band and sing in your local church choir. Make sure you highlight those activities in the 'Cultural' field.

You do not have to go into great depth on the form. Just dot point the things you would like to talk about with the judges. It is better to have too much information than not enough, but be aware- the fields are text limited because the judges, like you, are busy people and they may have 6 or 7 applications to read through before your interview.

Filling in this form may be the best thing you've done for yourself to date. Enjoy the experience. You are already a winner!

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.

Entrant details:

(Family Name)

(Given Name)

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F

(Address)

(State)

(Post Code)

(Telephone (landline))

(Telephone (mobile))

(Date of Birth)

Age as at 30th June 2026

(School)

(Student Email Address)

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 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 organisers and/or appointees.
5. I will be available to participate through all stages of the Youth of the Year Program up to and including the National Final should I choose to progress beyond the Club Final round.
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.

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

A microphone is the only aid permitted (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.

I agree to the above conditions

I disagree with some or all of the above conditions

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 conditions of entry.

Date:

(Name of parent/guardian)

(Email address)

(Telephone – mobile)

Parent/Guardian: Upon completion of this form by the Entrant and yourself, please email the entire form to the School Principal or Delegate. This will constitute verification of your consent for the Entrant to enter the Program.

Entrant's Name:

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE ON THIS FORM – ATTACHMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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

Please make sure you read the section on page two – “Filling in your Entry Form”

1. Initiatives taken at School.

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

School activities and organisations:

Sporting teams:

Cultural: (Music, Debating, Drama, Special Academic Programs, etc.)

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

2. Activities and Involvement outside School.

Please list all activities undertaken over the past two years.

Sporting:

Cultural: (Music, Public Speaking, Poetry Reading, Painting, etc.)

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

Representations, Achievements and Awards: (Has your involvement in any of the foregoing activities resulted in you receiving such recognition? Please list only those occurring in the past two years.)

3. Academic Achievements.

Describe your general studies over the past 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 .)

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

YOTY participation: From what you have learned about the Lions Youth of the Year Program, how do you think your participation in it might 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:

Email Address:

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

Lions or Leo Club Name:

Club Chairperson:

Club Chairperson's Email Address: