



## STUDENT ENTRY FORM 2022-2023

**This form is NOT to be shared on any Social Media platform**

### Using this form.

- This is a writable PDF document and is easily sent by email to the relevant participants, their authorities and to the coordinators of the next levels.
- There is no need to print this form, unless it is for your Judges.
- ensure that all information is typed in.
- Coordinators can get this form from the Lions website-

<https://lionsclubs.org.au/our-programs/youth-opportunities/youth-of-the-year/>

**YOTY Chairs:** Fill in your details on page 7 and email the form to your entrants.

When you get the completed forms back prepare the forms for the judges by either-

- saving a version which **does not** include the entrant's personal details, or
- print the form's pages from 3 to 7 and deliver to your judges.

**Entrants:** 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 checking the boxes as confirmation. Email the form to the School delegate.

**School:** Email the completed form back to the club YOTY Chairperson as your confirmation that all the academic claims made by the student are correct to the best of your knowledge.

**YOTY Chairs:** Remember to send the **ORIGINAL FORM** (with all details) of the winner/s on to the next level with the appropriate Winner Advisory Forms.

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

This form is a type-able document & only available from your Club Chairperson, your District Coordinator or State Coordinator.

### 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 in Australia during the Lions year (1st July - 30th June) or part thereof;
2. are a citizen of Australia, PNG, Norfolk Island or a permanent resident of Australia.
3. 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](http://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 an organization associated with an entrant in any way, however a Lions member may be a judge. *(Please see the Guide for full details)*

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	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30</b>
Presentation during the interview	10		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>70</b>		

### 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.*

**Please type all information into this form.**

*It is a writable Pdf as information needs to be clear and transmittable.  
Do not print this form and fill in by hand.*

# Entry Form

Family Name	Given Name	M	F
Address	State	Post Code	
Telephone landline	Telephone mobile	Date of Birth	<b><u>Age as at 30 June, 2023</u></b>
		<i>Date fields have a drop down box</i>	
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 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.

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

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## 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 its 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.**

*Please make sure you read the section on page one- '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 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:**

**Email Address:**

**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 or Leo Club**

**Club Chairperson**

**Club Chairperson's Email Address**