

Program Details

You're interested in entering the program- that's great.

Firstly: Are you eligible to enter? You must:

- be over 15 and under 19 years of age on 30th June, 2021;
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident; and
- have attended a secondary education institution during the Lions year of the National Final.

**Please see the Entry Form for full details.*

Next... download and complete the writeable PDF Entry Form providing as much detail as you can about your achievements over the last two years! The judges will want to know much about you before your interview!

Arrange to have your parent/guardian email your completed form to your school coordinator, who will confirm your academic claims and email your form to your Lions Club YOTY Chairperson.

You will then have successfully entered the YOTY Program!

Then... your Lions YOTY Coordinator will provide all details for the club level interview and public speaking event.

Now the Club Final - firstly the interview...

Independent judges will conduct the interview, using your Entry Form as a guide. The Interview provides an opportunity to 'market' yourself in a friendly and 'enabling' environment. You will be presented with the opportunity to elaborate the claims made in your Entry Form.

A few general knowledge questions will be asked on local, state, national and international issues.

70 points are allocated for the interview.

and then the Public Speaking.

Here you will deliver a speech of no more than five minutes' duration on any topic of your choosing. It's wisest to avoid topics of a religious or party political nature. Successful speeches result from a thoughtful choice of topic and regular practice.

At this event you will also be asked two 'Impromptu' Questions requiring less than a two minute response to each. You cannot rehearse for these questions but they are typically based on current events and issues covered in the media.

30 points are allocated for the Public Speaking section of the competition

Announcement of winners...

At the club final an Overall Winner is announced as well as a Public Speaking Winner.

These awards may be combined or made separately. Certificates and prizes are awarded, and the overall winner can proceed to the next level of judging.

Further Finals... At further finals the above evaluation process is repeated, although with different independent judges and impromptu questions. These rounds will culminate at the State Finals from where the winners will compete in the National Final to be held at the Lions Australia National Convention.

The timeline...

Club Finals- are usually held late in the Fourth Term or early in the First Term of the following year. Check with your Lions Club Chairperson for their timeline. The winner may then progress to the...

Zone/Region Finals- are held over a weekend in early to mid March. Your Club Chairperson will be able to provide details. Students selected from the Zone and/or Region Finals will compete at the District Final where one or more entrants, depending on the number of Districts in your State, will be selected to compete at the...

State Final. The State Finals are held on a weekend in mid to late April. The overall winner from each State proceeds to the National Final which is usually held early in May.



The rewards which await you!... in addition to prizes awarded and recognition given to contestants at Club, Zone and District Finals each State Winner will:

- Receive \$500
- Travel to New Zealand to attend a Lions International Youth Camp, and,
- Visit the National Winner's home state
- The National Winner receives \$5,000 payable on their 18th birthday.
- The National Public Speaking Winner receives \$2,500 payable on their 18th birthday.
- In the event that the National Winner is also the Public Speaking Winner, then only one prize of \$5,000 as described above will be awarded.
- Each school sponsoring a State Winner receives \$1,000.



YOTY contestants are rewarded with new friendships, networking opportunities, honed interview skills and a great sense of accomplishment in delivering a public speech.

YOTY participation is highly regarded by many employers and tertiary institutions. Some may even recognise cocurricular activities as a key part of your application.

Over to you!

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The Lions Youth of the Year Program

- The Program is managed and supported by Lions Australia and run by Lions Clubs throughout the whole of Australia in close collaboration with, and supported by, participating Schools.
- The Program is for students who are contributors to their schools and communities and who wish to challenge themselves to gain experience in public speaking and presenting their credentials to a panel of judges in a nonthreatening environment.
- Lions Clubs offer this Program to students at no cost and, apart from gaining valuable experience in personal development, there are some more rewards.
 - Your Participation Certificate always looks good on your resumé.
 - The winners of the Public Speaking section and the Best Overall usually receive a small, monetary incentive award.

From the State Winners of 2019

Youth of the Year -

Hannah ...was a once in a lifetime experience filled with fantastic memories.

Alyssa ... was the most empowering, life changing and eye-opening experience that everyone should have the opportunity to go through.

Georgia ...has been an amazing, incredible, fantastic opportunity to develop skills and meet lots of amazing, fun, cool, fantastic people.

Marko ... gave me incredible friends and through those friendships the confidence to develop as a person.

Ethan...was a wild and eye-opening ride just learning about myself, other people and the craft of public speaking- all the soft skills which are so important in entering a university or getting a job.

Finn...is a safe environment for people to push themselves outside their comfort zones and speak in front of a group of people to share their own opinion and their own personal voice in a way that really matters.

For more information visit the Youth of the Year website at Lions Australia by following this link

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

and visit our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/youthoftheyearaustralia/>



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Will you be leaving school in the next year or two?

Would you like to:

- enhance your prospects for entering tertiary education and gaining employment?
- develop new friendships and networking opportunities with other like-minded students?
- optimise your leadership and citizenship qualities and play a constructive role in the community?
- gain experience in presenting yourself to prospective employers and speaking in a public forum?

...then consider entering the Lions Youth of the Year Program.

Since its inception in 1964, the 'Youth of the Year' Program has fostered and optimised the confidence, leadership and citizenship qualities in thousands of school leavers.