

About YoungStar

The YoungStar Awards, proudly supported by McDonald's Brisbane Restaurants and Quest Community Newspapers, were launched in May 2003. They are designed to recognise and reward the achievements of young people aged 8-18 within our local community and support them in their ascent to excellence in the areas of Arts / Education, Community, Sport and Group involvement.

Categories

1. **Arts / Education** - ie. Dancer, artist... Academic, designer, writing...
 2. **Community** - ie. Charity fundraising, volunteering, animal rescue, assisting others...
 3. **Sport** - ie. Fencing, football, swimming, netball, archery, golf...
 4. **Group** - ie. Debating team, speech & drama group, science teams, student council, double/quad sculls rowing team...
- Please Note - people cannot be nominated as an individual and as a group member for the same achievement. Individuals can be nominated more than once in the same bi-monthly period.

A YoungStar Group can consist of 2 or more YoungStar's who have achieved as a team. Example: debating team, speech & drama group, science teams, student council, double/quad sculls rowing team etc. YoungStar's can be nominated as a group from across the Quest Community Newspapers distribution areas. They do not have to be in the same newspaper title to be eligible. NB: An individual cannot be nominated as an individual and as a team in the same month based on 'team merits'.

Who can nominate?

Parents, school teachers, friends of the family, siblings, coaches, superiors can nominate a young achiever.

How to nominate

Nominations can be made online at www.youngstarawards.com.au, or you can download your YoungStar Kit on 'How to be involved'. Nomination information is also available from participating McDonald's Restaurants, your local school or by calling your local Quest office. Nominations are open for 2 months at a time.

How to become a YoungStar?

Once nominations are closed, the judging panel comes together to determine the winner of each category in each paper region for the time period of nominations. The winner is notified and invited to the bi-monthly awards ceremony to be presented with their trophy and gift.

What happens after I become a YoungStar?

Once you are announced as a bi-monthly winner, you then qualify to attend the YoungStar Gala Awards Evening, where you are judged to become the annual category winner for your local paper. The annual paper winners are then judged by industry experts to be awarded the title of overall category winner, taking with them \$5000 cash and prizes.

**Keep Quest updated with your achievements throughout the year as this counts towards your judging for the annual category winner and the overall winner.

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Bi-monthly Nominations close

May / Jun	Friday 1 July, 2011
Jul / Aug	Thursday 1 September, 2011
Sep / Oct	Tuesday 1 November 2011
Nov / Dec	Tuesday 3 January 2012
Jan / Feb	Thursday 1 March 2012
Mar / Apr	Tuesday 1 May, 2012

Young achievers nominated in the past

Poets, musicians, Young Australians of the Year, fundraiser organisers, gymnastics, Advisory Council representatives, choir singers, science students.

Some of the famous past YoungStars are:

Jessicah Shipper - first nominated in 2004-05, overall Sport winner 2005-06

Stephanie Rice - first nominated in 2003-04, overall Sport winner 2006-07

Sinead Burgess - first nominated in 2004-05, overall Arts/Education winner 2007-08

Talia Fowler - first nominated in 2004-05, overall Arts/Education winner 2008-09

Yassmin Abdel-Magied - first nominated in 2006-07, overall Community winner 2007-08

Chrislyn Hamilton - first nominated in 2006-07, Redcliffe & Bayside Herald Arts/ Education winner 2008-09

Jacqueline Goh - first nominated in 2009-10, overall Arts/Education winner 2009-10

Cheertastic Rock Stars - first nominated in 2009-10, overall Group winner 2009-10

Multiple Nominations

Once a young achiever is nominated and announced as a bi-monthly winner they are not eligible to be nominated again in that category during the current year of nominations. However, nominations will be accepted for individuals or group members for that same achievement.

No cost involved

Entry is free, and there is no cost to attend the bi-annual events. Each bi-monthly winner receives a complimentary ticket to the YoungStar Gala Awards Evening and additional tickets may be purchased to this event.

Supporting YoungStar: How to get involved

As a school:

Inform your pupils through means of posters, newsletters, nomination forms, a visit from the Quest team, advising teachers to nominate their students. Direct your pupils to the website - www.youngstarawards.com.au

As an association or club:

Inform your members through means of posters, newsletters, nomination forms, a visit from the Quest team, advising coaches/ teachers to nominate their members. Nominate them or direct your members to the website -

www.youngstarawards.com.au

As a parent/family member/friend:

Nominate a young achiever online at www.youngstarawards.com.au or send the nomination form to email - youngstar@qst.newsltd.com.au or fax - 07 3352 0636

As a coach:

Any individual or team can be nominated for their achievements online at www.youngstarawards.com.au or send the nomination form to email - youngstar@qst.newsltd.com.au or fax - 07 3352 0636

As an individual:

Any individual can be nominated for their achievements online at www.youngstarawards.com.au or send the nomination form to email - youngstar@qst.newsltd.com.au or fax - 07 3352 0636

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