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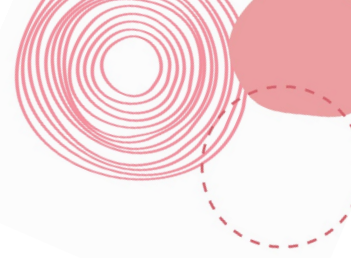
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Volunteering Awards

Award Selection Criteria



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This document outlines the selection criteria for each award category and includes the questions you'll be asked when completing the nomination form. It's designed to help nominators understand what the selection panel will consider and to guide you in preparing a strong, well-supported nomination that showcases your nominee's impact and contribution.

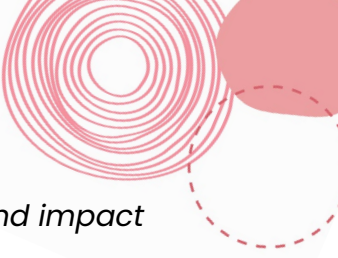
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Awards for Individuals:

The nominations will be judged on the following criteria, questions in Criteria A & B will be asked for all individual nominations and the Criteria C questions specific to the award. Draft your nomination based on these questions.

Disclaimer. As you complete the nomination, some questions may overlap or ask for similar information. It is okay if your answers repeat or if you are unable to respond to every question. Nominations will be judged based on the information



you provide, so please focus on sharing the nominee's achievements and impact to the best of your ability.

Criteria A:

1. How has the nominee contributed to volunteering in a way that sets them apart from others?
2. Please describe how the nominee has demonstrated leadership or initiative in the volunteering role/s?
3. Outline the extraordinary contribution of time, skills, or energy the nominee has given through their volunteering.
4. In what ways does the nominee's work have the potential to be scaled, replicated or adapted in other contexts?

Criteria B:

1. What are the key outcomes and achievements of the nominee's volunteering contribution?
2. Describe how the nominee's volunteering effort reaches a broad range of audiences (e.g. diverse, communities, professional groups, demographics, or locations).
3. In what ways had the nominee's contribution significantly impacted the wellbeing of Queensland communities?

Criteria C:

Volunteer of the Year:

1. Describe how the nominee has developed or implemented a unique or original approach to volunteering that benefits their organisation/s
2. Has the nominee introduced new concepts, products, or services that improve access for underrepresented groups (e.g. vulnerable women, unemployed, migrants, remote communities) and the broader community? Please provide details
3. How has the nominee contributed to reviewing or establishing systems or procedures that improve the effectiveness of their organisation/s?
4. How has the nominee's contribution led to significant growth, funding, or increased awareness for their organisation/s?



Youth Volunteer of the Year:


1. How has the nominee promoted the benefits of volunteering to their peers, encouraging more young people to get involved?
2. In what way has the nominee contributed to reviewing or establishing systems or procedures that improved the effectiveness of their organisation/s?
3. How has the nominee promoted or led activities (e.g. branding, events, campaigns) that have enriched the broader community?
4. Describe how the nominee's outstanding contribution of time and effort has resulted in significant growth, funding, or awareness for their organisation/s.

Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering:

1. How has the nominee developed or implemented a unique or original approach to volunteering that has benefited their organisation/s?
2. In what ways has the nominee introduced practices that ensure the sustainability of the organisation and enhance the volunteer experience?
3. Describe how the nominee has promoted or led the enrichment of a community through their volunteer leadership.
4. How has the nominee's outstanding contribution of time and effort led to significant growth, funding, or awareness for their organisation/s?

New to Volunteering:

1. How has the nominee demonstrated exceptional commitment to volunteering, including promoting the benefits of volunteering and encouraging others to get involved?
2. In what ways has the nominee contributed to the development or implementation of more inclusive systems, procedures, or initiatives that enhance the effectiveness of their organisation?
3. Describe how the nominee's volunteering has enriched the broader community (e.g., through events, campaigns, branding, or other activities) and led to growth, funding, or increased awareness for their organisation.

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4. How has the nominee promoted the benefits of volunteering to their peers, encouraging more people to get involved?

Excellence in Volunteer management:

1. How has the nominee designed or implemented a significant improvement or initiative that has created an exceptional experience for volunteers?
2. In what ways does the nominee consistently provide outstanding quality of service and support to volunteers?
3. How has the nominee contributed to building the professional standing and reputation of their organisation among volunteers and volunteer management professionals?
4. Describe how the nominee has implemented or adhered to the National Standards for Volunteering within their organisation.
5. How has the nominee broadened access to volunteering for individuals from minority or underrepresented groups (e.g., migrants, people with disability, vulnerable women, youth)?

Please refer to the nomination guide for more information


Awards for Organisations:

(not-for profits, State or Local Government, for profit organisations)

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Criteria A

1. How does this organisation or program operate in a way that sets it apart from other volunteering programs?
2. In what ways does the organisation or program demonstrate innovation or initiative in its sector?

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3. Describe the extraordinary contribution of time, effort, or resources (volunteer commitment) that the organisation or program has made across Queensland.
 4. How does the organisation or program have potential for scalability or the ability to be replicated in other contexts?

Criteria B

1. What are the key outcomes and achievements of this organisation or program?
2. Please provide qualitative and/or quantitative evidence that demonstrates the organisation or program's impact.
3. How does the organisation or program reach a broad range of audiences (e.g., different communities, demographics, or professional groups)?
4. How many people or groups have benefited from the organisation or program, and in what ways?
5. How does the organisation or program make a significant contribution to the wellbeing of communities in Queensland?

Criteria C

1. How does the organisation or program contribute to positive cultural change in areas such as equity, diversity, or inclusion?
2. Describe the inclusive practices of the organisation or program that increase access, representation, or a sense of belonging for volunteers from underrepresented or disadvantaged groups.
3. How does the organisation or program demonstrate leadership in practices and procedures that encourage volunteer participation?

Please refer to the nomination guide for more information