
All Club Presidents
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Lions Youth of the Year Quest

Lions Youth of the Year Quest is supported by the National Australia Bank and is a project that can be adopted by every club in the District.

The Quest is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. It does this by selecting an outstanding young person from candidates throughout Australia to travel overseas and act as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Multiple District 201. The international travel is conducted under the auspices of Lions Clubs International.

The Quest seeks a high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement in its potential winners. By emphasising these qualities it hopes to provide outstanding role models for the youth of Australia and an overall increase in the confidence of young men and women.

The Quest process

The main activities involved in the running of Lions Youth of the Year Quest include initial promotion in schools and local communities; judging of candidates from club level to National level; selection and announcement of the national winner; arrangements for the winner's overseas travel and attendance at an International Youth Camp and other finalists travel throughout Australia.

The Quest begins in July 2008 and culminates with final judging and the announcement of the winners at the Multiple District Convention, held in May 2009.

Levels of judging

Club judging to be completed by	21 st February 2009
Region Finals to be completed by	7 th March 2009
District Final to be held at Port Macquarie Tacking Point	14 th March 2009
State Final to be held at MacLean	4 th April 2009
National Final to be held at MD Convention	2 nd May 2009

How do I start?

The YOY Quest kits, including revised entry forms, rules and promotional material and gifts (pens, badges and compendiums) will be available at the District Convention at Tamworth. If your club requires a kit or other items before October contact me and I will send them to you.

The cost of entry remains at \$110 and all costs associated with this project can be debited to your activities account.

Now is the time to start approaching your nearest High School or Schools and making the Principal or Year Advisors aware of the program. You may find the students may want to complete the club finals before the end of the year rather than in the new year.

Do not forget to invite a representative of your local branch of National Australia Bank to your Club or Region judging. Ask them to be a judge; you will be surprised how much they will want to be involved.

Also ensure you sign a club copy of The Lions Youth Protection Policy sent out to all clubs recently. Your club copies can be retained by the Public Officer and should be completed before any activities are undertaken with youth in your area.

Need Help?? Or more information

Contact your District Youth of the Year Chairman. I am available to help your club run a successful Youth of the Year Quest.

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