

Youth Sponsorship Program



About the Youth Sponsorship Program

Alexandrina Council recognises the positive contribution young people make to community life and the importance of providing opportunities for personal growth and capacity building. Council's Youth Sponsorship Program aims to support and encourage young people displaying commitment, passion and determination to undertake skill development activities in their chosen field of endeavour.



Eligibility

What activities will be funded?

Funding is offered to support personal development activities for young people in the following four categories:

- Arts, Culture, Music and Dance
- Sport and Recreation
- Community Participation and Leadership
- Education and Academic Performance.

Eligible activities include:

- Events, workshops or activities that develop personal or professional skills and experience
- Regional, national or international level competitions
- Leadership programs or conferences
- Transport and accommodation costs associated with any of the above activities.

Please ensure that you have read the Guidelines and consulted with Council's Youth Sponsorship Program Administrator, or their delegate, prior to completing the application form.

Application

Application Process

Applications will be accepted from **1 August 2023** until **30 April 2024** or until funds are exhausted. An amount of \$7,000 has been allocated to the Youth Sponsorship Program in this round.

Applications should be made via Council's online Youth Sponsorship Program Application Form which is accessible through the SmartyGrants link on Council's website alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a permanent, full time resident of the Alexandrina Council area
- Be aged 12-25 years at the time of application
- Be able to provide confirmation from an appropriate peak body, association or organisation confirming the applicant's status as a competing member, representative or participant.

Grants for eligible individuals will be up to a maximum of:

- Intrastate event \$100 (\$400 group maximum)
- Interstate event \$300 (\$1,200 group maximum)
- International event \$400 (\$1,600 group maximum).

**Sponsorship above the advertised maximum amounts may occasionally be offered where an individual can demonstrate they are experiencing financial difficulty. Please contact Council's Youth Sponsorship Program Administrator to discuss your eligibility for additional support.*

The following applications will **NOT** be considered:

- Incomplete applications
- Applicants from individuals who do not live permanently in the Alexandrina Council area
- Applications received after the event/activity has occurred
- Applications not from the participating individual (i.e. from teachers, schools, officials or coaches)
- Applications from individuals who receive personal commercial sponsorship.

Group Applications

If five or more applications are received from eligible applicants from the same organisation to attend the same activity or event within any one month, the grant will be treated as a group application eligible for up to the group maximum. If successful, the amount allocated will be divided equally between the individual eligible applicants. If subsequent applications for the same event are received in the following months, successful applicants will receive a maximum amount equal to any previously funded recipients attending the same event.

Important information



Conditions

- Applications will only be processed if the application form is complete and the required attachments have been included.
- Only one application will be accepted from any one individual in any financial year.
- Applications should be submitted no earlier than 3 months prior to the event.
- Priority may be given to applicants who have not previously received funding from the Youth Sponsorship Program.
- Applications must include documentation from an appropriate peak body, association or organisation confirming the applicant's status as a competing member, representative or participant.
- Applications will be assessed monthly and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by the end of the month following submission.
- Successful applicants must sign a funding agreement with Alexandrina Council prior to the payment of funds into their nominated account.
- In the event of a cancellation of the event, or for any reason the applicant is unable to attend, the applicant must notify Council as soon as is practical and all sponsorship received must be returned to Council.
- Any unexpended sponsorship funds must be returned to Alexandrina Council as soon as is practical.
- All successful recipients are required to complete a Youth Sponsorship Program Final Report Form upon completion of the activity. This form must be submitted online via SmartyGrants within one month of the activity completion date. Non-compliant applicants are unlikely to be considered for any future grant funding from Council.

More Information

Please refer to the Youth Sponsorship Program Frequently Asked Questions available to download from the Grants page on Council's website **alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants**

For more information or assistance with your application, please contact the Youth Sponsorship Program Administrator on **8555 7000** during office hours or by email to **alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au**



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