

## 2024 Central Coast Youth Week Awards Competition Guidelines

<b>How is the Winner Determined:</b>	<p>Nominations are received and assessed on the following:</p> <p><b>General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominations Open 9am, Monday 23 October 2023</li><li>• Nominations Close 5pm, Sunday 25 February 2024</li><li>• Central Coast Youth Week Awards Night – 11 April</li><li>• Late nominations will not be accepted.</li><li>• Paper, written or verbal nominations will not be accepted.</li><li>• All nominations must be received via application form.</li><li>• The decision of the Central Coast Youth Week Awards Selection Panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.</li><li>• The Selection Panel reserves the right to move nominations to a category they deem to be more appropriate.</li></ul> <p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> <p>The nominee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be an Australian Citizen and must live in the Central Coast Local Government area.</li><li>• Will have made a significant community contribution in their nominated category.</li><li>• Should be a role model that people can aspire to.</li><li>• Should be someone Council can advertise and promote as such.</li><li>• The nominee and the nominator must be separate individuals (i.e., you cannot nominate yourself).</li><li>• Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in the same award category in subsequent years.</li><li>• Ages are correct as of 11 April 2024.</li><li>• Categories are open to young people aged 12 – 24 years.</li><li>• Previous winners can not be nominated for the same award category.</li></ul> <p><b><u>2024 Central Coast Youth Week Awards Categories</u></b></p> <p><b>Arts and Entertainment Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An individual who has achieved / demonstrated excellence in their chosen art form.</li><li>• Someone who has made a significant contribution to the development of their chosen art form through innovative approaches and/or consistent effort.</li></ul> <p><b>Community Service and Activity Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An individual who has made a significant contribution to a local community service and has been responsible for / or involved in a community activity that benefits young people and / or the community as a whole.</li><li>• Someone who has demonstrated the ability and / or understanding of building community capacity, community engagement and evaluating outcomes / benefits for the community from the delivered activity.</li></ul>
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	<p><b>Environment and Ethical Sustainability Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An individual who has / is actively making the Central Coast a place where people and the environment can thrive.</li> <li>• Someone who has made a significant contribution to the environment and sustainability in local programs or events for young people, or the community as a whole.</li> </ul> <p><b>First Nations Cultural Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An individual who has made a significant contribution to their community or have taken a leading role in achieving better outcomes for First Nations people.</li> <li>• Someone who has made a significant contribution to First Nations culture in local programs or events for young people, or First Nations people as a whole.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Impact in Education / Community Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An individual who has / is actively making a social impact in their school or community through innovative approaches and/or consistent effort.</li> <li>• Someone who has made a significant contribution to social activism.</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth Sportsperson Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An individual who has achieved and shown acts of sportsmanship and team building.</li> <li>• Someone who has been an outstanding sportsperson, or who has made a significant contribution as a key organiser of sport.</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth Entrepreneur Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An individual who has demonstrated entrepreneurial skills and innovative thinking to successfully launch / manage a business or project.</li> <li>• An individual whose business / project has made an impact and / or has demonstrated sustainability.</li> <li>• Someone who has shown a significant contribution in leadership and teamwork within a business or project and the ability to overcome challenges.</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth Leadership (Individual) Award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An individual who has demonstrated strong leadership abilities and potential.</li> <li>• An individual who has demonstrated the ability to inspire and motivate others.</li> <li>• Someone who has utilised effective communication and collaboration skills to lead impactful initiatives or campaigns for young people.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Judging Panel:</b></p> <p>How were they determined; who are they; processes for judging including criteria.</p>	<p>There will be a panel of 6 judges with 3 judges assessing each category. This allows for judges to not assess a category where there is a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Winners will be judged on the basis of the application and meeting the criteria.</p> <p>The most outstanding nominees will be chosen for all categories with one winner selected in each category, including the Nominator Award, by a Selection Panel consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 x young person</li> <li>1 x Council representative</li> <li>4 x youth service/organisation representative</li> </ul>