

Young Mayors Mackay

Nominations Form (Printed Version)

Nominations for the Mackay Youth Council are open to young people aged between 11 and 17 years of age (at the time of applications closing on Sunday 9 June 2024, 5pm and living in the Mackay area.

We encourage young people with a diversity of lived experience of life in Mackay to nominate, including First Nations people, LGBTQIA+ people, disabled people / people with disability, women and non-binary people, low-income communities, people from diverse cultural backgrounds and people of colour.

You do not need to be an Australian citizen to nominate yourself. Young people both in and out of school are eligible to apply.

Please return this completed form via email to young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au no later than Sunday 9 June, 2024.

Name and Contact Details, Availability and Eligibility to join the Youth Council

First Name		
Surname		
Phone		Email
Home Address		

School or Workplace		
Date of Birth		<i>Nominees must be aged 17 and under at the time of application</i>
Which region would you like to nominate in? (see attached map)	Northern Suburbs and Beaches Regions Northern Region Central Region Southern Region Western Region	<i>Your region should be where you spend most of your time or live.</i>
Are you available on the key dates?	Yes / No	<i>See website for key dates</i>
Are you available to attend fortnightly meetings, if elected? Depending on availability of the youth councillors, meetings may be online/hybrid, or in person. Meetings usually run for 1.5 - 2hours and are held at the Jubilee Centre.	Yes / No	
What are your pronouns? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She/her - He/him - They/them - They/her - They/him - Write your own: 	<i>*This helps us understand the best way to address each other and respects the wonderful gender diversity in our community. If you'd prefer not to write your pronouns, you can write "prefer only being referred to as my name"</i>	

Important information

I have read and understood the Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to it.	Yes/No
I have read and understood FYA's Privacy Policy and consent to FYA's collection of my personal information.	Yes/No

More information about how FYA collects, uses, stores and discloses personal information about you can be found in our privacy policy (<http://www.fya.org.au/privacy-policy/>).

Please ensure your parent/guardian has completed the [consent](#) form. If this is not complete your application will not be eligible.

Nomination Questions

The following questions will help us understand why you want to nominate for the Youth Council. This information will be shared confidentially with staff from our partner council, Mackay Regional Council, and a young representative of the community supporting the application assessment. The information will be presented de-identified (without your name or school).

Options on submitting responses:

- Written form
 - [Online](#) or via this printed form
- Video or audio format
 - 3-minutes total, responding to the questions below.
 - Please keep video and audio direct and without effects.
 - Videos and audio can be uploaded via the online [nominations form](#).

Note: Video and audio nominations will be de-identified and transcribed.

Q1: In 100 words or less, tell us why you want to nominate yourself as a candidate for the Mackay Regional Youth Council

The youth council forms an important voice for young people in Mackay, reflective of and celebrating the diverse strengths, interest, needs and cultural backgrounds of young people.

We would love to hear more about your experiences of a being young person in Mackay and how that motivates your nomination. This may be anything from your cultural background and/or identity, experiences of school or work; and what you love and don't love about your pocket of Mackay. (100 words or less)

Question 2:

In 100 words or less, tell us about an issue in your neighborhood / community.

What is the issue? Why should the youth council tackle it? How would it benefit young people in Mackay?

Do you identify as any of the following?

*This question is optional and will not be used to assess your application.

We ask to better understand if our program is inclusive, and to continuously improve our approach to creating safe and welcoming spaces for young people with lived experiences of injustice. This information will be used and stored confidentially by FYA only, councils will not have access to this information. FYA will never share identifiable information.

Please tick all that apply or write your own

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
 - Indigenous (other than Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander)
 - Refugee or migrant background
 - Person of colour
 - Using a language other than English at home
 - Person from culturally diverse background
 - Lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer, Trans or gender diverse
 - Disabled or person with a disability
 - Neurodiverse (as distinct from disabled)
- Write your own

Thanks for nominating! We'll be in touch by Friday 21 June 2024 to let you know if you have been selected as a candidate. Please note, not everyone who applies will be selected as a candidate to run for election.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Savannah Vella at young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au

What are the key dates?

Nominations

24 April 2024 - Youth Council nominations open

Young Mayors workshops and info sessions

During nominations we will run the following information sessions. Please email Savannah Vella at young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au for details and to register your interest.

- Young Mayors 101 | in-person | Central location
- Young Mayors 101 | online
- Young Mayors | What to expect from campaigning | online
- Young Mayors | Champions online information session | An opportunity for parents, guardians and carers to ask questions.

Sunday 7 June 2024 5pm - Youth Council nominations close

Week commencing 17 June 2024 - Final list of candidates confirmed

All details can be found here:

<https://www.fya.org.au/young-mayors-mackay/>

Campaigning and Election

1 July 2024 Campaign period begins

How to campaign workshops and drop in sessions

These workshops will help you develop and lead your campaign. They are not compulsory, but strongly encouraged for you to get the most out of this experience!

Dates and locations to be confirmed. Workshops are a mix of online and in person

- Candidate Meet and Greet | Drop-in
- Being a representative & Building your team | Hybrid online / in person
- Campaigning 101 | Hybrid online / in person
- Campaign support | Drop-in
- Meet the Candidates Prep | Drop-in

We also host an online drop in session once a week during the campaign period. This is an opportunity to ask any questions, catch up with other candidates and share your experiences of campaigning.

Week commencing 29 July TIME | Meet the Candidate Forum
19 August - 23 August Election week

<p><u>Induction</u> 2 Saturdays in September</p>	<p><u>Term in Office</u> July 2024 – May 2026 Meetings are fortnightly, alternating in-person at a central location and online. With opportunities to attend additional events and meetings.</p>
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Parent/Guardian Consent Agreement

Please use the checkboxes below to signify your consent.

- I am aware of the Young Mayors program, understand the nature of the activities and authorise my child's participation in these activities.
- I consent to The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) collecting my child's personal information for the purpose of their involvement in the Young Mayors program.
- I consent to FYA using any of my child's feedback or data for research and/or evaluation purposes.
- I give permission for my child to be photographed and filmed with their consent, and understand that my child's image, words and story may be reproduced across FYA's website and social media channels, and the participating Council's website and social media channels
- I understand that the duration of this consent is for the length of my child's participation in the program, and I can revoke consent at any time by contacting FYA on the details below.

Parent/guardian's name:	
Participant's name:	
Date:	

Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Details

Please note the following details may be shared with the participating Council. In the case of an emergency, please contact:

Emergency Contact 1		Emergency Contact 2	
Name		Name	
Relationship to participant		Relationship to participant	
Mobile:		Mobile:	
Email:		Email:	

