

# YOUTH ENCOURAGEMENT GRANTS

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## Policy Statement

The Town of Mosman Park supports local young people by providing financial support to allow them to achieve their goals and to actively participate in the community and their chosen field of interest.

Highlighting the achievements of Youth Encouragement Grant recipients fosters a positive image of youth in the Mosman Park community and provides role models for other young people.

## Policy Details

To engender a co-ordinated and consistent approach to the assessment of Youth Encouragement Grants to ensure that support is allocated in a way that is equitable, accountable and provides long term community benefit.

This policy sets out the eligibility and assessment criteria under which individuals may apply for a Youth Encouragement Grant.

Four Youth Encouragement Grants are presented annually with 50% payment on being awarded the grant and the remaining 50% paid following a 12 month commitment to the Mosman Park Youth Advisory Council and minimum attendance and reporting requirements being met.

## Scope

This policy applies to applications which meet the following criteria -

- The applicant is between the ages of 12 and 24 years inclusive (at the time of the closing date).
- The applicant must either reside in Mosman Park, study in Mosman Park, or actively participate in the Mosman Park community.
- A completed Youth Encouragement Grant application form is submitted prior to the closing date.

To receive the second payment, recipients must:

- Actively participate in the Mosman Park Youth Advisory Council by attending not less than five of the monthly meetings during the following 12 month period and being involved in "MPYAC" projects when available.
- Represent young people and the Council at public functions and civic ceremonies, as required.
- Display good conduct and effective progress toward achieving the goals outlined in the application.
- Present a brief written report outlining the recipient's achievements over the past year.

### Assessment Criteria

Applications for Youth Encouragement Grants will be assessed under the following criteria

– Assessment Criteria	Weighting*
The quality of the application submitted and achievement to date within nominated field of; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Study</li> <li>• Sport and Recreation</li> <li>• Music and the Arts</li> <li>• Community Service</li> <li>• Leadership</li> </ul>	30%
The values and commitment displayed during interview	30%
Potential for long term benefit to the Mosman Park Community	40%

\*Recipients of the Towns Youth Encouragement Grants who have successfully completed the requirements and received the second payment are eligible to apply for future rounds, however, all assessment criteria will be reduced by 20%.

### Assessment of Requests

An assessment panel shall meet each year to review applications. Where possible, each applicant will be interviewed by the panel before recommendation is made to Council on the awarding of Youth Encouragement Grants.

The assessment panel shall comprise the following members:

- The Mayor of the Town of Mosman Park;
- A representative from the Mosman Park Youth Advisory Council;
- The most recent ‘Citizen of the Year’ Winner by invitation; and
- A staff representative from the Town’s Community Development Team

A representative of the Chief Executive Officer will convene the Assessment Panel and provide administrative support as required.

The Assessment Panel may recommend up to four applicants across any of the five fields. The Council at its discretion has the right to accept or reject any recommendation of the assessment panel.

### Definitions

Nil.

### Governance References

Statutory Compliance	Local Government Act 1995, Section 2.7
Organisational Compliance	Youth Encouragement Grant Application Form

### Policy Administration

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