

Youth Representative Grants Program 2025/2026

Guidelines & Application Form

Program Overview

To provide financial support for young residents who have been selected to represent their community, region, or state in sporting, academic, cultural, or other achievement-based events at local, national, or international levels.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be aged between 12 and 18, or a registered student under the age of 25 at the time of application.
- Reside within the council's municipal area (proof of residence required)
- Have been officially selected by a recognised association, school, or governing body to participate in a representative event.
- Be participating in an **amateur** (non-professional) event.
- Demonstrate that they are required to meet a substantial portion of the expenses themselves.
- Not have received substantial sponsorship from other organisations for the same event (other sponsorships will be considered in the assessment).

Funding may be provided for:

- Sporting competitions (e.g., state, national, international championships)
- Academic competitions (e.g., Olympiads, conferences, national or international contests)
- Cultural or other achievement-based events (e.g., music, arts, leadership forums)
- Costs such as travel, accommodation, registration fees, and uniforms directly related to the event.

Funding is not available for:

- Events that have commenced or already taken place (retrospective funding)
- Applications that have not been received four weeks prior to the event
- Applicants that have already received funding through councils Youth Representative Grants Program within the same financial year.

Identification Requirements

Applicants are required to reside within the council's municipal area. Proof of residency must be provided when submitting the application. Acceptable documents must display your name and residential address. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- ID Card
- Drivers License
- Utility Bill (addressed to the listed parent/guardian is acceptable where the applicant is under the age of 18)
- Top section of a bill/statement where the address and name are listed

Please contact the Community Services Department on (03) 6323 9200 for assistance if you are unable to provide any of the above options.

Funding Levels

Maximum donation ranges are set for both individual representation and groups.

Level of Representation	Donation Value
Local/Intrastate	Up to the value of \$200
National/Interstate	Up to the value of \$500
International (outside of Aus)	Up to the value of \$1000

Maximum donation amount per school, group or team:

Level of Representation	Donation Value
Local/Intrastate	Up to the value of \$1000
National/Interstate	Up to the value of \$1000
International (outside of Aus)	Up to the value of \$1000

Application Process

Applications must be submitted a minimum of 4 weeks **before the event**.

Applicants must provide:

- A letter of request outlining the event and financial need.
- Written confirmation of selection from the relevant association or organisation.
- A budget outlining expected costs and any other funding received or sought.
- Additional information or an application interview may be requested during the processing of your application.

Applications are assessed on a rolling basis, subject to available Council funds, or other achievement-based events at local, national, or international levels.

Applications will be assessed:

- In line with the Council's policy objectives
- Level of financial need
- Significance of the event (local, national or international)
- Previous support received (repeat applications may be considered, but priority may be given to first-time applicants)

Recognition and Reporting

- Successful recipients will be acknowledged through Council communications
- Recipients may be required to complete a brief report and or complete a short interview after the event, sharing their experience and outcomes. This may be utilised and promoted through council communications.

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This application is for young residents applying for financial assistance to support sports, academic, cultural, or other achievement-based representation at local, national, or international events.

Applicant Details

Full Name		
Date of Birth		
Age		
Residential Address		
Phone Number		
Email Address		
Are you a resident of the West Tamar?	Yes ☐	No ☐
Have you read and understood the Youth Representative Grants Program Guidelines?	Yes ☐	No ☐

Parent/Guardian Details

This section is **only required** where the applicant is under the age of 18.

Full Name		
Residential Address		
Phone Number		
Email Address		
Have you read and understood the Youth Representative Grants Program Guidelines?	Yes ☐	No ☐

Event Details

Select the event type:	
Sporting	☐
Academic	☐
Cultural	☐
Other (please specify)	

Event Location

Select the event location:	
Local/Intrastate	☐
National/Interstate	☐
International (outside Aus)	☐

Provide a brief description of the event and your role (150-200 words).

Selection and Achievement Evidence

Your application must be submitted with the following attachments/evidence. Please complete the below check list to acknowledge that you are aware that this documentation will be submitted with your application.

Official letter or email from the organising body confirming your selection/participation	☐
Evidence of the costs/fees associated with the event (outlined in the Financial Details section)	☐
Event program/invitation or official documentation outlining the event	☐
Letters of support from any of the following: • Coach, teacher or mentor • School principal or organisation official • Community leader A minimum of 2 letters of support must be attached and must include contact details for verification purposes.	☐

Explain how this opportunity will benefit you, your community and your future goals (150-300 words)

Financial Details

Provide a breakdown of costs

Travel	\$	
Accommodation	\$	
Registrations Fees	\$	
Uniform/Equipment	\$	
Other (please specify)	\$	Details:

What is the funding amount are you requesting from council.	\$	
Have you applied for or received any other funding for this event?	Yes ☐	No ☐

If Yes, please provide details (including the source, amount and status)

Declaration

I declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false or misleading information may result in my application being withdrawn

Applicant Full Name and Signature	
Date	
Parent/Guardian Full Name and Signature	
Date	

Application Checklist

Before you lodge your application, check that you have provided all the required details and documents. Ensure you have:

☐	Checked eligibility, read and understood the guidelines
☐	Proof of selection/participation
☐	Completed the cost breakdown with supporting documentation
☐	At least 2 letters of support
☐	Proof of residence
☐	Signed the completed application

Submission

Submit your completed application and supporting documents by

Email:	wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au
Mail	West Tamar Council Youth Representative Grants Program PO Box 16 Riverside TAS 7250
In person	At any West Tamar Council Office - Riverside (Eden Street) - Windsor (Windsor Community Precinct, Riverside) - Beaconsfield (West Street, Beaconsfield)