

Wairarapa YOUTH AWARDS CONDITIONS AND GUIDELINES



Who is eligible for a Youth Award?

1. The Wairarapa Youth Awards acknowledge outstanding contributions by young people residing within the Wairarapa.
2. Any person who has already received a Royal or New Zealand honour shall, only in special circumstances, be eligible for a Youth Award.
3. In special circumstances, the selection panel may make a Youth Award to a person who lives outside the three district boundaries providing the person's achievement relates to the Wairarapa.
4. Youth Awards will be awarded to those between 12 to 24 years of age.

What kind of achievement merits a Youth Award?

5. Deserving achievement can fall into any of the categories below:

Please indicate which of these categories you feel your nominee qualifies for on the nomination form.

<u>Beat Street</u>	For youth who demonstrate a level of significant creativity or made an outstanding contribution in the area of arts, music or culture, or have applied creative thinking to solve a problem in their community.
<u>Rangatahi 4 Youth</u>	For youth who have participated in a youth activity that addresses youth issues, motivated others, taken on challenges and met them, or led a project.
<u>Youth 4 Community</u>	For youth who have participated in volunteer work to support responses to community issues, motivated others, taken on challenges and met them or led a project.
<u>Kia Kaha</u>	For a young person who has overcome obstacles to achieve or make a contribution in their chosen field, learning from their mistakes and overcoming adversity, or been an inspiration to others.
<u>Dream Team</u>	For a youth group that has made a significant contribution to the community.
<u>Excellence</u>	For a young person or group who has achieved outstanding results in any field.
<u>Youth 4 Enviro</u>	For a youth group or individual who shows innovation around positive environmental practices and projects that inspire others.



How is a Youth Award decided?

6. Firstly, a nomination must be received by the deadline stated in paragraph (F) on the official nomination form. Nominations can be made by any two officers of any organisation, association, society or club, or by a School Board of Trustees, or by two members of the public who are residents of the Wairarapa. Elected members of the three District Council's. Council officers are not eligible to be nominators or seconders.
7. If more than one person is nominated by the same group, a clear statement listing the priority of nominations should also be lodged.
8. The Youth Award selection panel relies heavily on the information that accompanies each nomination. The statement must be signed by two nominators to the effect that the information contained is true and correct.
9. It is in the nominee's interest that the information provided is of sufficient detail to enable the selection panel to consider each nomination fairly.
10. Full details should be supplied about how this person's contribution is above and beyond the normal level attained by other young people.
11. The information on all the people nominated then goes to the selection panel. The panel is made up of the Mayor's or a nominated Council member, the Youth Council with representation of young people residing within the three TA's and if the panel so decides, persons of standing in the community selected by the group.

Confidentiality

12. All nominations are confidential. Under the Privacy Act 1993 the information will be made available to members of the selection panel and officers of the three District Council's and will only be used for the purposes of making a decision on awards in the year in which the nomination is submitted. Details of successful candidates (with the candidate's consent) and their nominators may be made available for publicity purposes. Unsuccessful nominations, or details of the people who nominated them, will not be made public.
13. It is not necessary to obtain the prior consent of the person being nominated before submitting a nomination. If the nomination is successful, the person will then be contacted to ask whether he or she wishes to accept the Award.

Presentation of the Youth Awards

14. The object of the Youth Award is to acknowledge publicly individuals who have made a notable contribution in some aspect of their life.
15. The Awards will be presented annually but, should it be determined that no applicant reaches the required standard in a particular category, no award will be made. Additionally the awards are not limited to only one in each category. The selection panel may, at its absolute discretion, where it considers such action appropriate, decline all nominations received in any particular year.
16. The successful candidates will be presented with their Award by the Mayor's at a formal ceremony, in front of their immediate families and nominators, Council members and local dignitaries. The nominators will introduce their successful candidate.
17. The Mayor will present a suitably inscribed certificate and the Council will arrange for individual photographs and media coverage of successful candidates. Photographs of the recipients receiving their Awards will be forwarded to recipients.

Can we try again?

19. If a nomination is unsuccessful, it may be resubmitted in the following or future years. Unsuccessful nominations shall not otherwise be carried forward to the following year.
20. The decisions of the selection panel are final and binding. Correspondence will not be entered into.
21. The Council reserves the right to alter or amend these criteria from time to time as circumstances warrant.

**Wairarapa
YOUTH AWARDS
NOMINATION FORM**

(Please read the conditions and guidelines attached)



We the undersigned nominate:

A. Full Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Occupation: _____

for a Wairarapa Youth Award in recognition of their outstanding achievement(s) as outlined on the attached sheet.

B. Nomination submitted by:

either (i) Name of Organisation: _____

Details of two executives of organisation making nomination:

Contact Name: _____ Position Held: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Name: _____ Position Held: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

or (ii) Details of two Wairarapa residents making nomination:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

C. **Categories of Community Activity:** *(Please specify the category or categories under which you believe the person qualifies - see No. 5 of the conditions and guidelines)*

D. **The Record of Service of the person nominated:** Please record this in detail on a separate sheet. Please refer to paragraphs 6-11 of the Conditions and Guidelines.

E. **Further Information**

Please contact the Youth Team at Connecting Communities on 06 378 8900

F. **Deadline:** Nominations, in an envelope marked "Youth Award Nomination", must be received no later than 5pm Friday 14th November and are to be addressed to:

