

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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*Youth Off The Streets invites nominations
for the 2010 National Scholarship Program*
NOMINATIONS CLOSE 7 May 2010

The Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Program

In 1991, Father Chris Riley founded Youth Off The Streets with the mission of providing all young people with the opportunity to achieve their greatest potential and to break the cycle of poverty, disadvantage and marginalisation.

At Youth Off The Streets we believe that all young people should be given the chance to achieve their best. Through our Scholarship Program we will support those young people who show the potential and desire to further their talents, but who without assistance would struggle to move forward.

The Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Program gives young people throughout Australia the opportunity to make their dreams a reality.

How does the program work?

Nominations for the Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Program are not restricted to a specific study or training path. Nominations are invited from young people with genuine talent, ability and determination in any field, including (but not limited to): education and training; visual or performing arts; sport; trade skills; and music. The wide-ranging vocational goals pursued by the scholarship recipients encourage other disadvantaged young people to follow their dreams.

Scholarship funds can also be used for support costs such as equipment, uniform, textbooks, stationery and other incidental expenses to ensure that the scholarship recipients have every possible opportunity to reach their goals.

In 2010 we are pleased to announce that over 20 young people from throughout Australia will be provided with Scholarships of **\$5,000 each**.

A Youth Off The Streets Selection Committee, comprising individuals from varying professional backgrounds and expertise, will assess the nominations and select suitable young people to receive Scholarships. The Selection Committee will be looking for young people who possess genuine talent or skill and who can demonstrate a clear path to further their talents with support from the Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Program. Scholarships will be awarded to those young people who have a genuine need for financial assistance.

Along with financial assistance, Youth Off The Streets will match each Scholarship recipient with a mentor for the first year of their Scholarship, to provide support and guidance to help them to achieve their goals.

Scholarship recipients will develop a Pathway Plan with Youth Off The Streets for the use of their Scholarship funds. Scholarship funds will be paid in instalments over two years, depending on the individual circumstances of each recipient.

Successful nominees will be notified in June 2010.



Criteria for nomination

- ▶ Nominations for the 2010 Scholarship Program are being taken from throughout Australia.
- ▶ Nominees must be between the ages of 14 and 21 on **7 May 2010**.
- ▶ Nominees must be citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- ▶ Nominations may be made on behalf of a young person, or by a young person themselves.
- ▶ A young person may only be nominated for one Scholarship per year.
- ▶ The young person nominated must have a clear need for financial assistance.
- ▶ Scholarship recipients will be required to identify a Pathway Plan, which clearly shows how the Scholarship money would be used.
- ▶ All nominations must include at least one reliable, independent referee letter, confirming the personal circumstances and talent or skill of the young person nominated.

How do I nominate?

Making a nomination for the Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Program is easy!

- ▶ Simply fill out the attached nomination form - printing in capital letters clearly in black or blue pen.
- ▶ Answer questions in as much detail as possible. The Selection Committee will want to see that there is a clear idea for use of funds, as well as a genuine need for assistance.
- ▶ Ensure that you have read and understood the Nomination Conditions. These can be downloaded from www.youthoffthestreets.com.au
- ▶ You must remember to sign the nomination form. Unsigned nomination forms will not be considered.
- ▶ Send or fax your completed and signed nomination form to the address below no later than **5pm 7 May, 2010**.

SELECTION PROCESS

- ▶ **All applications are shortlisted internally by Youth Off The Streets.**
- ▶ **Shortlisted nominations are then presented to an external committee for final selection.**

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Nomination Form – *please complete in capital letters in blue or black pen*

YOUNG PERSON DETAILS

Title: Name:

Date of Birth: Age on 7 May 2010:

I am Aboriginal I am Torres Strait Islander Email:

Address:

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Postal Address (If different):

Phone (Home): Fax: Mobile:

NOMINATOR DETAILS

(A young person can nominate himself or herself) Tick here if nominating yourself:

Title: Name:

Organisation (If applicable):

Position (If applicable):

Address:

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Phone (Work): Mobile: Home:

Fax: Email:

Relationship to nominee:

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that the nominee is aware of this nomination and agrees to the nomination conditions. (Conditions can be downloaded from www.youthoffthestreets.com.au). By signing the attached declaration, you acknowledge the acceptance of these conditions by yourself and the nominee.

REFEREE DETAILS - PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT DETAILS BELOW FOR THE REFEREE(S)

- ▶ Please attach to this nomination form a letter from **at least one independent referee**. This letter should confirm the personal circumstances and talent, skill or ability of the young person nominated.
- ▶ This referee must be an adult (this could include a teacher, youth worker, coach etc) & cannot be related to the nominee.
- ▶ The referee cannot be the nominator on this form.
- ▶ The letter must be signed by the referee.
- ▶ Additional referee letters can also be supplied.

Title: Name:

Organisation (If applicable):

Position (If applicable):

Address:

Phone (Work): Mobile: Home:

Fax: Email:

