

Scholarship Policy

This policy is to support the participation of young people in the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament program.



POLICY OVERVIEW

The Department of Environment and Science provides a scholarship fund of \$12,500 per annum as part of the Service Agreement for the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament (QYP) program.

The scholarship is provided to support participant (Youth Member) attendance in the program and to facilitate the inclusion of a minimum of four (4) young people who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

This policy is to support the distribution of funds in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Service Agreement.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Scholarship 1 – 100% fee relief from the QYP participant fee granted to Youth Members who have been unable to gain sponsorship and who demonstrate severe financial hardship that would otherwise stop them from participating in the program.

Scholarship 2 – 50% fee relief from the QYP participant fee granted to Youth Members who have been unable to gain sponsorship and who demonstrate financial hardship that would significantly impact or otherwise stop them from participating in the program.

Scholarship 3 – Travel reimbursement fund that is dispersed at the discretion of the scholarship committee and is granted to Youth Members living outside of the South East Queensland Region, and who demonstrate financial hardship that would otherwise stop them from attending the Launch Weekend and/or Residential Sitting Week component of the program.

South East Queensland Region is considered to be made up of the following Local Government Areas:

- Brisbane City Council
- Ipswich City Council
- Logan City Council
- Redland City Council
- Moreton Bay Regional Council
- Gold Coast City Council
- Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- Noosa Shire Council
- Lockyer Valley Regional Council
- Somerset Regional Council
- Toowoomba Regional Council
- Gympie Regional Council
- Fraser Coast Regional Council

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SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Youth Members meeting the criteria outlined may be eligible for fee relief and/or the travel reimbursement fund.
- Awarded to Youth Members who have demonstrated financial hardship and whose participation would otherwise be impacted.
- Scholarships may be withdrawn should a Youth Member fail to adhere to the program Code of Conduct.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The scholarship committee will be comprised of the following members:

- Queensland Youth Parliament Program Coordinator
- Queensland Youth Parliament Youth Governor
- Group Manager – Operations (YMCA Brisbane)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. The details and availability of the scholarships are communicated to Youth Members via the website in advance of applying and subsequently through their participant packs if successful in gaining a place in the program.
2. In their application to the QYP program, Youth Members may indicate whether they wish to apply for a scholarship, and provide reasons why receiving a scholarship would assist them in participating in the program.
3. Youth Members are in the first instance encouraged to seek sponsorship for their participant fee. Information and support are provided for this.
4. Youth Members with demonstrated financial hardship who are unsuccessful in gaining sponsorship will be supported by either a 50% or 100% scholarship.
5. Youth Members that meet the criteria for the travel reimbursement fund may apply for a travel reimbursement of up to \$200 each time they travel for Launch Weekend and/or Residential Sitting Week. In cases of identified financial hardship, YMCA Brisbane may book and pay for a Youth Member's flights (see Travel Reimbursement Policy).
6. The total funds distributed must equal no more than \$12,500. However, depending on the number of Youth Members identifying financial hardship, the number of participant fee scholarships may be increased or decreased and therefore the total travel reimbursement fund may change.
7. A record of all Youth Members receiving a scholarship must be recorded and reported to the Department of Environment and Science via the annual program report.

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