

YOUTH OFF THE STREETS 2013 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*Youth Off The Streets invites nominations for the 2013
National Scholarship Program*

NOMINATIONS CLOSE April 5th 2013

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 education or training course, including (but not limited to): academic skills; visual or performing arts; sport; trade skills; and music. The wide-ranging vocational goals pursued by the scholarship recipients will encourage other disadvantaged young people to follow their dreams.

Scholarship funds can be used to pay for educational course fees and also for support costs such as equipment, uniforms, textbooks and stationery to ensure that the scholarship recipients have every possible opportunity to reach their goals.

In 2013 we are pleased to announce that over twenty young people from throughout Australia will be provided with scholarships of \$5,000 each.

Scholarship nominations are shortlisted internally by Youth Off The Streets before final selection by the Selection Committee. The Youth Off The Streets Selection Committee, comprising of 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, skill or ability 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 duration of their scholarship, to provide support and guidance to help them to achieve their goals.

Those recipients based in NSW will be matched with a face-to-face mentor. For recipients interstate Youth Off The Streets offers an innovative e-mentoring program, where mentors and mentees are in touch regularly.

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 installments over two years, depending on the individual circumstances of each recipient.

Successful nominees will be notified in June 2013.



Criteria for nomination

- ▶ Nominations for the 2013 Scholarship Program are being taken from all states of Australia
- ▶ Nominees must be between the ages of 16 and 21 on April 5th, 2013
- ▶ 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 develop a Pathway Plan, which clearly shows their goals and how the scholarship money would be used
- ▶ All nominations must include at least one reliable, independent referee letter, confirming the personal circumstances and talent, skill or ability of the young person nominated
- ▶ Successful nominees must have an external person who is an adult eg. parent/guardian, case worker, teacher, youth worker, coach who can regularly consult with the Scholarship Program staff on their progress.

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 or complete online at www.youthoffthestreets.com.au/scholarship/
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Attach your independent written reference (cannot be nominator or any family relation)
- ▶ Ensure that you have read and understood the Nomination Terms and 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 to the address below no later than **5pm April 5th, 2013.**

Mail: **Scholarship Program**
Youth Off The Streets
PO Box 6025
ALEXANDRIA NSW 2015

OR fax: (02) 9693 1599

OR complete the scholarship nomination form online on our website at
www.youthoffthestreets.com.au/scholarship/

For any queries phone: (02) 9330 3500 or scholarships@youthoffthestreets.com.au



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

YOUNG PERSON DETAILS

Title: Name: Male Female

Date of Birth: Age on 5th April 2013:

I am Aboriginal I am Torres Strait Islander Country of Birth:

Address:

..... City: State: Postcode:

Postal Address (If different):

Telephone (Home): () Fax: () Mobile:

Email:

NOMINATOR DETAILS

- ▶ A young person can nominate himself or herself
- ▶ A referee cannot also nominate that young person
- ▶ Please ensure **ALL** contact details are printed clearly

Tick here if nominating yourself:

Title: Name:

Organisation (If applicable):

Position (If applicable):

Address:

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Telephone (Work): () Mobile: Home: ()

Fax: () Email:

Relationship to 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.) and 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
- ▶ The referee may be contacted for a referee check in June 2013.

Provide contact details below for referee(s)

Title: Name:

Organisation (If applicable):

Position (If applicable):

Address:

..... Telephone (Work): () Mobile: Home: ()

Fax: () Email:



Nomination Details cont.

Please give a brief outline of any financial assistance the young person receives from government or non-government agencies.

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NOMINATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Youth Off The Streets Scholarship nomination form.
- Independent written reference with referee contact details.
- Optional Supporting documents such as work samples, School reports, transcripts.
- Ensure that Nominator and Referee have provided relevant contact details for all potential phone interviews in June 2013.

NOMINATOR DECLARATION

1. I declare that the information supplied on this form is true and correct
2. I declare that should the nominee circumstances change (i.e. financial, contact details etc) I will inform Youth Off The Streets immediately
3. I declare that the nominee is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia
4. I declare that the nominee has read, understood and agrees to the Nomination Terms and Conditions. Please go to www.youthoffthestreets.com.au/scholarships/Termsandconditions to read Terms and Conditions.

Name:

Signed: Date:

Nominees may be contacted for brief phone interview in May 2013.
Nominators will need to be available via phone for reference check in June 2013.
Nominees will be notified of the outcome of their nomination by mail by the end of July 2013.