

NSW CHILDREN'S WEEK 2016



Awards of Recognition Guidelines Applications close 12 August 2016

The NSW Children's Week Recognition Awards 2016 have four categories, with two focusing on the achievements of young people (under 18 years), and the final two awards in recognition of individuals or groups (over 18 years) who have made a contribution to children.

Exceptional Young Person

For a person under the age of 18 years for having overcome extreme adversity, shown great bravery and generosity to themselves or others.

Endeavour Award

For a person under the age of 18 years who makes extraordinary contributions to other children/young people. This may include voluntary work, advocacy or being a good role model for other children and young people.

Community Commitment Award

For groups of young people under the age of 18 who see a need in their community and work together to create a solution. (Open to schools, youth groups, formal and informal groups).

Advocacy for Children Award

For individuals, groups, volunteers, media, organisations who have made an outstanding contribution to children in the community.

Article 17 UNCRC Award

For organisations or individuals that have actively supported and promoted Article 17 in their work.

This year, we will be offering a special award in honour of the children's week theme in Australia -

Article 17 (Access to information; mass media): Children have the right to get information that is important to their health and well-being. Governments should encourage mass media - radio, television, newspapers and Internet content sources - to provide information that children can understand and to not promote materials that could harm children. Mass media should particularly be encouraged to supply information in languages that minority and indigenous children can understand. Children should also have access to children's books.

Terms and Conditions

The NSW Children's Week Committee Inc. is the Convener of the NSW Children's Week Awards. The NSW Children's Week Recognition Awards 2016 have four categories, focusing on the achievements of young people (under 18 years), and in recognition of individuals or groups (over 18 years) who have made a contribution to children.

1. Definitions

Nominator – The person who has submitted the entry into the Awards, nominating an individual, group, service or project.

Nominee – The individual, group, service or project that has been entered into the Awards by a Nominator.

2. Award Entries

- 2.1 Entry into the Children's Week Awards is free.
- 2.2 Entries to the awards opens on 1 March 2016 and close on 12 August 2016. However, NSW Children's Week reserves the right to change the closing date at their discretion.
- 2.3 The age of the Nominee will be taken from the date the nomination is received by the NSW Children's Week Committee, not the date of the judging of the Awards.
- 2.4 All correct and valid entries submitted during the competition will be entered into the prize draw to win the nominated prize. All entries are deemed to be received at the time of receipt into the NSW Children's Week database by email. Entries must be sent to awards@nswchildrensweek.org.au
- 2.5 No responsibility is accepted for entries not received by NSW Children's Week, incorrectly completed or otherwise incorrectly tabulated by the closing date and time. The NSW Children's Week Committee decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 2.6 All entries and additional information, including but not limited to photographs, pictures, published materials, pamphlets, computer disks, C.D.'s, videos or tapes, will remain the property of NSW Children's Week and not be returned.
- 2.7 The information provided will be used by NSW Children's Week Committee for the marketing and publicity purposes of the NSW Children's Week awards.
- 2.8 If for any reason these Awards are not capable of running as planned, due to causes beyond the control of NSW Children's Week Committee. The NSW Children's Week committee may cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the competition. The NSW Children's Week Committee will make all reasonable efforts to advise nominators of such circumstance.
- 2.9 All award nominations must be completed in full using the official nomination form and comply with the requirements. Incomplete nominations will automatically be eliminated.

3. Award Nominators

- 3.1 Any person over 9 years of age can nominate a current NSW resident or NSW service or project for an award. However, if the nominator is between 9 and 17 years of age, the NSW Children's Week committee will verify valid consent has been obtained.
- 3.2 Employees of Sponsor organisations are entitled to make nominations for the awards, however are not eligible to be entered into the draw to win the nominators prize

and therefore will be excluded.

- 3.3 Nominators can enter multiple children and services and an entry into the nominators prize draw will be made for each valid nomination entry 3.5 Prior to submitting an entry into the awards, Nominators must obtain all the necessary permission for any information and photographs/images/art work supplied, to be used by NSW Children's Week Committee for promotional purposes including advertising, and agrees to participate in any promotional activities for NSW Children's Week, without payment, for the purposes of promoting the Children's Week Awards.

4. Award Judging

- 4.1 The Award nominations will be judged by a panel of representatives appointed by the NSW Children's Week Committee.
- 4.2 The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. No feedback or review of nominations will be provided.
- 4.3 Category winners will be notified by phone and/or email. Winners will also be published on the Children's Week website. The winners will be invited to attend an award ceremony held during Children's Week.

5. Awards

- 5.1 Awards will be presented to the winners or their representative, at the awards ceremony during Children's Week . No travel or accommodation subsidies are available for award recipients to attend the Award Ceremony in Sydney.
- 5.2 The NSW Children's Week Committee shall not be liable for any loss or damage or for any personal injury sustained as a result of taking or using the awards or prizes or attendance at the presentation.