



ARYA AWARDS 2023 NOMINATION FORM

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS IS 6 DECEMBER 2023.

* No late applications considered.

Purpose: To recognize young Afghans who have demonstrated outstanding perseverance and/or service to the community.

Eligibility Criteria:

- NOMINEE must be: 12 to 30 years of age.
- NOMINEE should have demonstrated success/achievement within one or more of the nomination categories.
- NOMINEE should have been a good example of perseverance and/or being of service to the community.

Nominating: The individual may be self-nominated or nominated by any community member, organisation or family members. There is no limit to the number of nominations, but multiple nominations do not guarantee selection. Please attach a separate nomination form if applying under more than one category. The attached nomination form can be used.

Selection: Successful recipients will be selected by the Afghan Refugee Youth Awards Independent Adjudicators. Selection will be based on the person's actions, scope, and impact. Please see the **attached** "Selection Criteria" for each Award Category.

Recognition: Successful recipients will be announced at the ARYA Awards Ceremony Night on 15th December 2023.

For more information, please check the selection criteria guideline or contact the Afghan Fajar team as soon as possible at 0424 863 562, or info@afaic.org.au. This is a golden opportunity to recognize and empower our youth and future leaders.

LINK TO THE ONLINE NOMINATION APPLICATION:

<https://forms.gle/GxuCgP9VQyDTPauJ7>

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR EACH AWARD CATEGORY

1. Youth Leadership and Community Service Award:

The Youth Leadership and Community Service Award recognises a young individual who have shown exceptional leadership qualities while actively engaging in impactful community service initiatives. Candidates should display strong leadership skills, a proven track record of organising and leading community service projects, and a deep commitment to addressing societal challenges. Judges will evaluate the breadth and depth of their leadership roles, the positive influence on their peers, and the tangible impact of their service efforts on the community.

2. Youth Creative Award:

The Youth Creative Award celebrates the ingenuity and originality of young individuals in various creative fields. Candidates should demonstrate outstanding creativity, innovation, and skill in areas such as arts, music, literature, design, or any other creative pursuit. Judges will assess the uniqueness and impact of the candidate's creative work, considering factors such as artistic excellence, technical proficiency, and the potential for their creativity to inspire and influence others.

3. Youth Sports Award:

The Youth Sports Award honours young athletes who have exhibited remarkable sportsmanship, dedication, and achievement in their athletic endeavours. Candidates should have excelled in their chosen sport, demonstrated leadership on and off the field, and exhibited values such as teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. Judges will consider individual achievements, contributions to their team or sport, and the positive influence they have had in promoting sportsmanship and healthy competition among their peers.

4. Business Enterprise Award:

The Business Enterprise Award acknowledges young entrepreneurs who have demonstrated outstanding business acumen, innovation, and success in their entrepreneurial ventures. Candidates should exhibit entrepreneurial leadership, a track record of launching and managing successful businesses or initiatives, and a tangible impact on their industry or community. Judges will evaluate factors such as business growth, innovation, social impact, and the candidate's potential for continued success and influence in the business world.

5. Youth Education Achievement Award:

The Youth Education Achievement Award recognises young individuals who have achieved exceptional success in their educational pursuits and contributed positively to the educational environment. Candidates should demonstrate academic excellence, a passion for learning, and a record of meaningful contributions to education. Judges will consider factors such as academic achievements, involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership roles, and the candidate's influence on their peers or educational community.