

#### Award Friends

Helping disadvantaged young Australians discover their potential and change their future

## Together we can create generations of young Australians who are motivated and engaged citizens, equipped for work and life

Young people today are under enormous pressure to succeed academically, competing for limited university placements and jobs. The stress of school and study along with pressures of social media are resulting in a generation plagued by mental health issues; disengaged and discouraged about their future.

#### Building valuable life skills

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is an evidence-based self development program where young Australians can explore their own potential, build confidence and resilience, and learn valuable life skills for a brighter future.

Many young Australians are missing out Unfortunately, too many of our country's most vulnerable young people, those who are experiencing financial or social disadvantage, living with a disability or in a remote location, miss out on the opportunity to experience the life changing benefits of the Award.

#### Become an Award Friend today

For only \$20 per month, your financial support will directly enable more young Australians experiencing disadvantages to benefit from doing the Award.

#### **Financial Facts**

100% of your donation goes to supporting young people living around Australia through organisations offering the Award such as schools, disability organisations, community youth groups and cultural clubs in remote areas, and youth detention centres.



When I started the Duke of Ed, I had already completed grade twelve. I had no passion for anything, generally I just sat at home on the couch.

Dukes was the one thing that kept me occupied and healthy. I had no sense of who I was or wanted to be and where I



wanted to go with life. Dukes has change my outlook on life and has opened my eyes to the importance of culture and keeping it alive.

Ngarijan Rosser-Bonner PCYC, QLD



Being in the Award has helped me to hold my head higher and be more independent.

I now have pride in myself and all that I have achieved.

Travis Green, Caboolture Special School, QLD



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I am a young carer of my mother who has physical and mental disabilities and I also have two younger brothers, who I have cared for since the age of 10. I manage all aspects of the home, particularly when my mother is in the hospital; things like cooking and cleaning, and working long hours in order to pay all the rent and bills on time. I cannot express in words as to how thankful I am for the financial support that allowed me to do my Award. I hope you continue to inspire young people to reach their goals.



Sandy NG, Blakehurst High, NSW



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This Award made me believe that I have the one thing everyone else has; the power to fight for my own dreams. It is like a force pulling me into the circle of life instead of watching from the outside.

Thank you to everyone - because of your generous hearts I am now a step closer to reaching something I have always seen from a great distance but never been able to hold in my hands... My future. My dreams.

Melanie Tran, Gold Award Holder and recipient of Award
Friend funding

40,000+

**Award Participants** 

Across 1,200+ Award Units

Supported By



60,000

Adult Volunteers

#### **Award Friends**

#### Commitment Form

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# WHAT IS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD?

### WE EQUIP, EMPOWER, CONNECT AND TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Each person that does The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award learns a skill, becomes physically active, volunteers in their community, and undertakes a team adventure.

Open to young people aged 14 to 24 years old, the Award is offered in over 130 countries worldwide and is available at Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels.

In Australia over 40,000 young people are engaged in the program annually, supported by a network of over 60,000 adult volunteers.

Through this challenging journey of self-discovery,
Participants are equipped and empowered to achieve their
personal best, to take ownership of their own goals and life
choices, and become actively engaged within their
community and workforce.

The Award can be found right across Australia in government and independent schools, universities, prisons and youth detention centres, indigenous communities, new refugee support programs; in cities, rural and remote areas, government departments and in community organisations such as surf life saving, disability groups and other youth programs.



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