

CHILDREN OF COURAGE 2018 AWARDS

INFORMATION FOR CLUBS

This information and attached forms can also be accessed online at <http://201w1.lions.org.au/couragewa>



ABOUT CHILDREN OF COURAGE

Children of Courage was introduced in 1983 by the late Past District Governor Joe Mason, AOM, who saw a need to provide for an awards program through which Lions Clubs in Western Australia could recognize a very special group of young Western Australians and their families. Since its modest beginnings, the Lions Children of Courage Awards has grown to be one of the most important annual events in the Western Australian Lions' calendar.

Children of Courage is NOT A COMPETITION. Every nominated child will receive an award

In hosting this annual award, Lions Clubs aim to honour the individual achievements of extraordinary children in 3 categories and provide them with;

- RECOGNITION,
- ENCOURAGEMENT, and
- SELF-WORTH.

All children aged from 5 - 15 years of age at 1st May 2018, who fall into one of the categories listed below and have not previously received a Children of Courage award, are eligible for nomination.

CHILDREN OF COURAGE CATEGORIES

Special Needs

For children with special needs who have shown courage in the face of adversity and overcome obstacles or endeavoured to improve the quality of their own lives.

May include children who are confined to wheelchairs, are sight, hearing or speech impaired, have a long term or terminal medical condition or have undergone long periods of medical treatment, surgery or hospitalisation.

Courageous Act or Deed

For children who have acted bravely in an accident or life threatening situation to assist in preventing further harm to other persons or property.

Outstanding Sporting Achievements

A child who has overcome personal hardship and/or disadvantage to achieve a high degree of sporting achievement as an individual or team member.

HOW YOUR CLUB CAN NOMINATE A CHILD OF COURAGE

- Identify one of more children from your region who fits into one of the Children of Courage categories.
- Accept and follow up on nominations from Community Organisations passed on from your Children of Courage District Chairperson.
- Meet the child and parent/guardian and prepare a 1 page (500 word) description of the child's achievements which should include;

Special Needs - information about the child's disability or illness and examples of how they cope with their condition and strive to achieve a better life for themselves

Courageous Act or Deed - details of the accident or event and the child's actions, details of the person/s or property saved by the child's actions

Sporting Achievements - information about the disadvantage or hardship overcome, details of the specific sporting achievements

For all children - likes, interests and hobbies.

- Ensure Parent / Guardian of nominated child is given a Parent Information flyer. (included in Nomination Package)
- Obtain written consent for the child to be nominated for the award. (Parent Guardian Consent Form included in Nomination Package)
- Obtain a photograph of the child (printed on photographic paper or digital as jpg file)
- Complete the Club Nomination Form (included in the Nomination Package) and return with all required supporting material;

By post: Pauline Song - Children of Courage Chairman 201W1
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By Email: lionspauline.song@gmail.com

NOMINATIONS FROM LIONS CLUBS
MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 20th April 2018

CHILDREN OF COURAGE 2018 AWARDS PRESENTATION

**1.00pm, Sunday 20th May 2018 at
St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, 75 Elliott Rd, Karrinyup WA 6018**

Nominated children and up to 4 family members or guests, Members of Nominating Lions Clubs, District Officials and Special Guests will receive an official invitation to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Pauline Song Children of Courage Chairman 201W1

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