



GUIDELINES TO APPLICANTS ROD IRVINE YOUNG LEADERS AWARD

I. DESCRIPTION

The Rod Irvine Christian Young Leaders Award was established in 2008 at the retirement of Rod Irvine as Senior Minister of the Parish of Figtree. Rod's 20 years of service and ministry at Figtree was marked by both his own fine leadership and his desire to see young men and women trained and equipped as Christian Leaders.

The award provides the selected candidate with the opportunity to further develop leadership gifts and skills. There are several ways that this could take place. Some appropriate examples include: attendance at conference/s; involvement in leadership/theological study; acquisition of books or other leadership resources and being mentored by a recognised Christian leader outside Figtree Anglican Church.

The financial assistance offered by this award in 2009 is \$1000.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is limited to those aged 18-24 on January 1 of each calendar year. Further, it will be required that the applicant has some Christian leadership experience and has previously demonstrated a willingness to have these skills developed.

3. PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

The application form (available for download from www.flameyouth.org.au or from the Figtree Anglican Church Office) asks you to supply information relating to

- Personal details
- Educational qualifications
- Leadership Experience

Refer to any leadership you have had, whether it be school, church, sport, work or other opportunities. Provide details and length of time you held the leadership position for as well as any training that was provided.

- Why you are applying for this award
Give a brief description of what has caused you to apply for this award and why you think it will be helpful for you.
- How you envisage using this award
List any things that you would like to do with this award. You may want to speak to others to get an idea of the breadth of opportunities that are available.
- The benefits you anticipate both to you individually and to leadership at Figtree Anglican Church more generally from the training you receive through this award.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed by a panel made up of the Senior Minister, Youth and Young Adult Director and a member of Parish Council. The following criteria will be used in selecting the successful candidate:

- The part played by the applicant in leadership
 - i. The length of time you have served in leadership
 - ii. The roles that you have had in leadership
 - iii. The assessment of your leadership by your referees.
- The role the participant sees the award playing in their ongoing development.
 - i. How the award will be used to develop leadership skills
 - ii. The processes the applicant has in mind for future leadership development.

PROCESS

Copies of your application will be distributed to the selection panel who will assess each application in regard to the selection criteria and in relation to other applications. The panel members will contact referees and meet to determine the successful applicant. The successful applicant will be notified in writing and by telephone by a member of the panel. Other applicants will also be notified by telephone of the outcome of their application. The decision will be publicly announced, and the award publicly presented in *fuse* on the final Sunday of the commitment series. (Sunday 22nd November 2009) The recipient's name, along with a brief bio will also appear in the following months *focus*.

All applications and documentation received will be treated as strictly confidential and any records of discussions or decisions will be held in confidence by the selection panel.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO THE AWARD

5.1 FIGTREE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- Seek nominations through promotion in services, on the FAC website and through other appropriate measures.
- Provide written guidelines to applicants
- Arrange for the assessment of applicants
- Notify applicants of the decision
- Ensure arrangements are in place for supervision of the successful candidate (normally by the Young Adult / Youth Director)

5.2 THE RECIPIENT

- Negotiate with the Young Adult / Youth Director concerning how the award will be used
- Organise any travel / purchase of resources / attendance at conferences
- Make a presentation to Parish Council in November of the year the award is received to demonstrate how the outcomes of the award have been achieved.
- Cooperate with Figtree Anglican Church in the promotion of the award in the following year.
- Present the subsequent award to its recipient.

6. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD

Applications for this award close at 5.00pm Friday November 6, 2009