



Dunedin Volunteer Awards



Youth Leader Award

Sponsored by Otago Community Trust

Our rangatahi in the Ōtepoti community are punching well above their weight when volunteering in our community and SBS Bank and Volunteer South are enthusiastic about supporting young leaders by celebrating their achievements. It is an initiative which recognises senior students' service to school and the community. It identifies up-and-coming community leaders, celebrates their achievements and exposes them to the wider voluntary sector operating in their community.

Any senior high school student in the Dunedin City boundaries is eligible. To be nominated, they will need a representative from the school they are at to nominate them. Contact will be made to the nominees' parents in the first instance.

Eligibility

The Otago Community Trust Youth Leader Award is for senior high school students who have shown leadership, voluntary service and commitment to their schools and wider community.

The student must be in year 11, 12 or 13 and at a secondary school within the Dunedin City boundaries at the time of nomination.

Examples of voluntary service and leadership is quite broad – it can be anything from coaching a school (or club) sport, service to the school with music, and include service to the school like support to students for peer support. If you have any questions, the organising team at Volunteer South are more than happy to answer any questions.

A maximum of two students per school can be nominated for each year of the awards.

Judging Guidelines

Each nominated student will be asked to write up to 300 words answering the following questions:

- In what ways have you contributed to or been involved in school or community projects?
- What motivates you to give your time voluntarily for such activities?
- Why do you believe you are a good ambassador for the school and the Dunedin community?
- What are your future goals?

The school principal will be given the opportunity to write an endorsement letter to support the nominated student.

Nominations close at 5PM, Sunday, 1st of August. Please get in touch with the Volunteer South organising team for any questions.

For all questions, enquiries or comments, please get in touch with the Volunteer South organising team at info@volunteerawards.nz