

# Young ChangeMakers

## 2024 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

### Application Process

- All applications must be submitted through the online application form which can be found by clicking on the “Apply Now” button on the Young ChangeMakers website.
- As part of the online application process, applicants will be required to complete a personal statement. This can be either: a 300-word statement OR 1-minute video addressing your aspirations beyond high school, achievements (leadership, community, academic) and motivations for applying. Please note: this must be created by the applicant, not the school or parent/guardian.
- Support is available for students who may not otherwise be able to attend due to financial hardship. See ‘Fee Waivers and Travel Bursary’ for more information.
- Successful applicants must be available to attend the four-day camp for its full duration (Sunday 24 November to Wednesday 27 November 2024). Students will NOT be able to leave camp during this period (including for school events), except for in extraordinary circumstances (such as a family emergency).
- To be considered for a place in the program, the online application form and all supporting documentation must be submitted by 11:59pm on Sunday 15 September 2024. Applications received after this date will NOT be considered.

### Supporting Documentation

- Applicants will be required to submit supporting documentation with their online application. Applicants without supporting documentation will not be considered for a place. Supporting documentation includes:
  - copy of Year 10 or Year 11 School Report
  - letter of support from your school or community organisation
  - evidence of financial hardship (if you wish to be considered for a fee waiver).

### Fee waivers and travel bursary

- Applicants wishing to be considered for a fee waiver and/or travel bursary on the basis of financial hardship should provide additional documentation to the University. This must include a statement within the online application, outlining how financial hardship has impacted your secondary school studies, and documentation in support of your application. This may include:
  - current Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY, or other Centrelink statement/s; and/or
  - parents’ most recent Australian Tax Office (ATO) assessments; and/or
  - a supporting statement from an appropriate referee (e.g. school principal, school counsellor, community organisation), indicating their working knowledge of the extent of your financial hardship; and/or
  - other documentation that supports your claim of financial hardship.
- Fee waiver and travel bursary applications will be assessed by the Selection Committee in accordance with the financial hardship criteria. If successful for the Program, students will then be notified of the outcome of their fee waiver and/or travel bursary application. Students should expect this via a separate email to the email sent regarding the outcome of their application for the Program.

For further information, please contact the Young ChangeMakers Program Coordinator on:

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