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CREATIVE YOUNG STARS

Frequently asked questions

What is the timing for the Creative Young Stars Program application process?

The first application round of Creative Young Stars opens **Saturday 1 June 2013** and will close at **5pm AEST on Friday 21 June 2013**.

Who can apply?

Eligible school students and young people aged 25 years and under can apply for a Creative Young Stars grant. To check if you are eligible, please check the eligibility criteria in the Program Guidelines at www.youth.gov.au.

Students and young people from all geographic locations and backgrounds are encouraged to apply, including but not limited to students and young people with disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

How do I submit a grant application for the Creative Young Stars Program?

Applications are submitted through the online application form at www.youth.gov.au. Should you require the application form in a different format, you should contact the Program Manager at creativeyoungstars@deewr.gov.au.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Who can provide a letter of support to include with the application?

Participants (that is the person who will be participating in the nominated activity) need to be endorsed and able to provide a letter of support from a relevant school, training, arts or community organisation as part of their application.

Please note that letters of support *must be signed and on official letterhead*, must be no longer than two A4 pages, and verify how the participant will benefit from the grant.

Where a participant has already been selected for the nominated activity, a letter of selection can be provided to support the application.

Are children in preschool eligible to apply for grants under the Creative Young Stars Program?

No. School students and post-school young people (25 years and under) can apply for grants. Primary school and secondary school students are eligible to apply regardless of the educational institution that they attend (e.g. government school, non-government school, home school etc).

How much financial assistance can participants receive?

Grants of \$500 are available for successful individual applications and \$3000 for successful group applications.

Can I submit more than one grant application for the Program?

Each participant can only apply once per application round either as an individual or as part of a group. In addition, the participant can only apply for one nominated activity per application round. This nominated activity can take place any time from 1 June 2013 (when the Program opens for applications) to 30 June 2014.

If you are applying on behalf of another individual or group that you are not a member of, you can only submit one application per participant per application round. For example, a parent or guardian may submit one application on behalf of their daughter and one application on behalf of their son.

The nominated activity will take place before my application is assessed, can I still apply?

Yes. For the first application round, the nominated activity can take place any time from 1 June 2013 (when the Program opens for applications) to 30 June 2014.

I'm a member of a group that has some members who are aged 25 and under and other members who are aged over 25. Can we still apply for a Creative Young Stars group grant?

No. In order to be eligible to apply for a group grant under Creative Young Stars, each member of the group must be aged 25 years or under.

Eligible participants aged 25 years or under may wish to apply for an individual grant.

I'm trying to complete the online application form on my smart phone or tablet – why is it not working?

You cannot complete the online application form on your smart phone or tablet. You will need to complete the Creative Young Stars application form on a laptop or computer.

Who can I contact if I'm having difficulty with the online Application Form?

If you are experiencing difficulty with the Creative Young Stars online application form please contact the Program Manager by email at creativeyoungstars@deewr.gov.au or by phone on 1300 363 079.

Will late applications be accepted?

No. Applications for the first funding round must be received by DEEWR by 5pm AEST on Friday, 21 June 2013. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible before the close of the application round.

How will I know that my grant application has been received?

When you submit your application online, a notification will be sent to the email address that was registered to complete the application form to confirm that the application has been received by DEEWR.

If an email notification is not received within five working days of the close of the application round, you should contact the Program Manager at creativeyoungstars@deewr.gov.au. Please note that the notification will only be sent to the email address provided in the application form.

Does submitting an application guarantee that I will receive a grant?

No. There are a limited number of grants available and not all applications will receive funding. All applications will be assessed by a Local Selection Committee against the assessment criteria.

If I'm unsuccessful in receiving funding, can I re-apply in the next application round?

Yes, however, the nominated activity must take place in the period specified for that application round.

If I'm unsuccessful in receiving funding, can I receive feedback on my application?

General feedback about applications submitted for the application round will be published on www.youth.gov.au by the end of August 2013.

Feedback on specific applications will not be available.

I applied for a grant and I don't agree with the assessment of the application – is there an appeal process?

There is no appeal or review mechanism for unsuccessful applications.

Applicants who are unsuccessful in obtaining a grant may apply for funding in future application rounds.

How long until I know if my application has been successful?

Successful applicants will be notified from 29 July 2013 (or earlier if circumstances permit). All successful applicants should be notified by 12 August 2013.

Applicants in the electorate next to mine have been notified if they have been successful or unsuccessful for a grant – why haven't I heard yet?

Successful applicants will be notified from 29 July 2013 (or earlier if circumstances permit). As the dates on which Local Selection Committees complete their assessments may differ slightly, the dates on which applicants in different electorates are notified if they have been successful or unsuccessful may differ too.

All successful applicants should be notified by 12 August 2013.

How long until I receive my grant?

The grant will be transferred to the bank account provided in the application form from 29 July 2013. This can take up to three business days. All grants are expected to be transferred by 30 August 2013.

Where can I go for more information?

In the first instance, you can find more information on Creative Young Stars on www.youth.gov.au including the Program Guidelines.

Should you not find the information you require on www.youth.gov.au or in the Program Guidelines, you can contact the Program Manager at creativeyoungstars@deewr.gov.au.