

Youth Participation Grants Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Who may apply?

Any small group of young people aged 12-25 and living within New South Wales.

May I apply on behalf of someone else?

No. The application must be completed by a young person who is a representative from the group who will be carrying out the project.

May an organisation apply?

No. The funding opportunity is only available to young people.

What is the maximum amount of funding that I may apply for?

Up to a maximum of \$5,500 per project. Please see the guidelines for details.

Will a set number of projects be funded each funding round?

No. However, the selection process is fairly competitive.

If I have already started my project can I still apply for funding?

Yes, although you will not be reimbursed for expenditure already incurred.

May I apply for equipment costs?

Yes, if the equipment is required to complete the project.

What if I do not have all my budget details yet?

Please forward all the information you are able to obtain and make a note on the budget page that it may be revised. Then forward updated accurate information as soon as possible.

Who should I use as my referees?

You should use someone who can talk about you and your ability to complete a project successfully. Also, it's important to make sure that you let the person know beforehand that you will be using them as a referee, because the selection committee may contact them to decide who receives the grants.

Who will decide if I get funding?

The Youth Participation Grants Selection Committee for the region in which you are based. The Committee will have a majority of members who are 25 years or under.

The Youth Participation Grants Selection Committee will assess all applications. The Committee may seek to interview and/or obtain further details from applicants before the final funding decision.

When final selection decisions have been made, successful applicants will be notified by telephone and unsuccessful applicants will be notified via mail within 6 weeks after the closing date.

Any personal details included in your application will remain confidential, and will be used

only in accordance with Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998 (NSW).

How do I apply?

Firstly, ensure that you have read and are familiar with ‘**The Youth Participation Grants Project Guidelines**’. If you are eligible, you must complete ‘**The Youth Participation Grants Project Application Form**’ (both are on our website www.yapa.org.au/ypp) and lodge it by any of the methods listed below.

Where do I lodge my application?

Send your application by **only one** of these methods:

By email: ypp@yapa.org.au

or by post:

Youth Participation Project Officer
Youth Action and Policy Association
146 Devonshire Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010

or by fax:

(02) 9319 1144

Closing date for Round 1 – 24th April 2008

Closing date for Round 2 – 25th July 2008

How will I know that YAPA has received my application?

YAPA will contact you to confirm we have received your application within 7 working days of the closing date. We will contact you at the email address on your application. If you do not provide an email address, YAPA will send a letter to your fax number or postal address.

YAPA accepts no responsibility for technical failures that result in your emailed or faxed application not being received or opened. If you wish, you can check with YAPA that your application has been received by the closing date.

How will I know if my application has been successful?

YAPA will contact you via email, phone or letter within 6 weeks of the closing date.

If I am unsuccessful, may I appeal the Selection Committee's decision?

No. The Selection Committee’s decision is final.

If I am unsuccessful, can I get feedback on my application from YAPA?

Yes. YAPA will provide constructive feedback to all applicants.