



The Order of Australia Association

South Australian Branch

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Invitation to Nominate

2011



THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

ABN 40 008 612 664 004

PATRON: His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia

March 2011

To Heads and Principals of South Australian Secondary Schools and Colleges.

Since 2003, the South Australian Branch of the Order of Australia Association, with the support and encouragement of school leaders, has successfully offered and awarded medallions and certificates to nominated year 11 and 12 students selected by an adjudication panel as worthy of recognition for their contribution to citizenship in South Australia.

The awards are not for academic or sporting achievements but are intended to recognise those young people who contribute to school and/or general communities. They exemplify the Association's objective "to foster love of and pride in Australian citizenship"

These awards called **Student Citizenship Awards** will, again, be offered by the South Australia Branch of the Association in 2011. The attached documents give information about the Order of Australia, the Association, Student Citizenship Awards and a Nomination Form. The Committee would be delighted to receive nominations of a maximum of two of your students.

All nominees will receive a certificate to be presented at a suitable school function by a member of the Association, preferably with a connection with the school. Certificates will be a valuable inclusion in students' records.

It is anticipated that the Governor of South Australia and Patron of this Branch of the Association will present the awards to the ten students selected to receive a medallion at a suitable ceremony details of which have yet to be confirmed. Assessment will be based on the criteria set out in the accompanying *Invitation to Nominate*. Students awarded a medallion will be expected to attend the presentation to be held on a day during the end of term 3 vacation.

In addition, the medallion awardee adjudicated as most worthy will be announced as **Student Citizen of the Year** and presented with a framed certificate.

Elaine Bussenschutt

(Mrs) Elaine Bussenschutt OAM
Branch Chairman



The Order of Australia

The Order of Australia was instituted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Letters Patent signed on 14 February 1975.

The Order created:

An Australian society of honour for the purpose of according recognition to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or for meritorious service.

The Queen is Sovereign of the Order; the Governor General is Chancellor.

The award system has two divisions: "General" and "Military".

There are four award categories: Companion (AC)
Officer (AO)
Member (AM)
Medal of the Order (OAM)

Each award category has its own distinctive insignia with a ball of wattle being the central symbol.

Nominations for an award in the General division may be made by any person and are sent to the Honours Secretariat at Government House, Canberra. Awards are recommended by a panel of 19 Australians only after extensive investigation and consideration. Awards are decided by the Council of the Order with approval of the Sovereign.

For more information including arrangements to have a speaker address students, contact the Secretary of the Order of Australia Association (SA Branch), Mr Robert Angove AM; phone 8267 2903, (Mob. 0409 141 940), Email: bxangove@adam.com.au

The Order of Australia Association

Each recipient of an award in the Order of Australia is invited to join the Order of Australia Association. There are branches of the Association in each State and Territory. The South Australian Branch of the Association has around 1000 members.

Objectives of the Association:

To foster commitment to and pride in Australian citizenship and the Australian heritage, and to promote national unity amongst its citizens.

The South Australian Branch has supported many projects especially those involving youth.

Following successful programs since 2003 the South Australian Branch has decided to again offer

Student Citizenship Awards

for 2011

The awards are open to senior students in South Australian schools and colleges to

- Recognise the citizenship service of senior school students
- Involve the youth of South Australia
- Promote the Order of Australia
- Implement Association Objectives to foster love of and pride in Australian citizenship

And the

Student Citizen of the Year Award

will be made to the student adjudicated most worthy

It is anticipated that all awards, as in previous years, will be presented by His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia at an appropriate reception.

Student Citizenship Awards ***and*** ***Student Citizen of the Year Award***

Student Citizenship Awards recognise citizenship service to schools and/or the general communities by students in years 11 and 12.

The Order of Australia Association has received support and encouragement for the award from both public and private education authorities and a wide range of South Australian society.

Principals and Heads of Schools and Colleges are invited to nominate one or, at the most, two Year 11 Or 12 students who best meet the criteria for the Awards. The Branch Committee would be delighted to receive nominations from every qualifying school and college. Nominations should be sent to on the attached form by **Friday 3 June 2011** to:

The Secretary,
The Order of Australia Association (SA Branch),
22 Lombard Street,
North Adelaide, SA 5006.

Or email to Mr Robert Angove AM: bxangove@adam.com.au

Nominations will be adjudicated by a panel of Association members to select the 10 most worthy nominees who will receive a medallion and certificate which, it is anticipated, will be presented by the Branch Patron and Governor of South Australia, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR at Government House at a time to be advised during the end of term 3 vacation.

Principals and Heads of Schools and Colleges will be advised of the outcome of nominations in the first week of August. All nominees will receive a certificate to be presented at a suitable school function by a member of the Association. Student Citizenship Awards will be valued documents in students' records.

The Student Citizen of the Year Award will be announced and presented at the medallion presentation ceremony to the student adjudicated by the panel to be most worthy.

School and College Heads, Principals, staff, Boards or Councils wishing to receive more information of the Association or the awards may contact the Secretary of the SA Branch, Mr Robert Angove AM at the above address or by Email; bxangove@adam.com.au

Criteria For Student Citizenship Awards and Student Citizen of the Year Award

The following criteria will be used by the adjudication panel to indicate the nature of citizenship service and leadership which the Awards are intended to recognize:

1. Production of significant benefits for members of the school/general community.
2. Leadership and influence of peers by example.
3. Demonstration of skills in organisation, management and communication.
4. Outstanding citizenship displayed by assisting group(s) in need e.g. disadvantaged, elderly, homeless youth - over a period of time or by otherwise making a significant contribution to community development.
5. Initiative and concern demonstrated for the advancement or well-being of others.
6. Demonstrated pride in Australian citizenship.

Criteria have no hierarchy or priority, all criteria are of equal value.

Nominees need not satisfy all criteria.

The nomination form contains a recommendation that evidence of Student Citizenship should be related to the criteria.

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Student Citizenship Awards and Student Citizen of the Year 2011

Nomination Form

Student nominated: Name.....(As student wishes on the certificate)

Year in schoolAge.....(years & months)

Home address.....

Home phone.....Fax.....E-mail.....

School/College: Name.....

Address.....

Head/ Principal.....

Phone.....Fax.....E-mail.....

Insert name and position of nominator/contact (if not Head/Principal)

Additional Referee: NameOccupation.....

Address.....

It is essential that a written statement of citizenship service related to the criteria and in support of the nomination is attached. (No more than two A4 pages)

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no later than Friday 3 June 2011.