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Youth Ambassador

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What's in it for me?

- · Ongoing support from Top Blokes staff after the school program finishes
- · You will become a role model for other young men and have a say about issues that affect you
- · Chance to network with local politicians, CEO's of businesses, work experience providers, and many more
- Meet other like minded young men, who are enthusiastic and keen to join
- · Opportunity to participate in the international Duke Of Edinburgh Award or support your local community
- A hella good resume!

Does the program involve a cost?

The Youth Ambassadorship is fee-free, however there will be a fee incurred to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award if they want to complete this.

How often will events be organised?

Approximately once every six weeks, and if something pops up in between we will contact the Youth Ambassador to see if they are available.

What transport is involved in getting to/from events?

If they boys are allowed to catch public transport, a youth worker will meet them at the closest station and transport them in their car. If an event finishes late or starts early, the youth workers will do their best to take them to/from home. If a parent or carer is available for transport we would welcome their help.

How long is the Youth Ambassador program?

They will be part of the program over 12 months – a full calendar year.

What types of events will the boys be attending?

Whenever Top Blokes Foundation are invited to a community or speaking event we will invite the Youth Ambassadors to attend and network. They will also participate in fun team building activities and have access to popular events. Top Blokes Foundation regularly receive requests to appear in the media!

Who will be responsible for the Youth Ambassadors?

Top Blokes Foundation are fully responsible for the care and protection of the young people in the program. All activities that the Youth Ambassadors participate in will be covered by the Top Blokes Foundation's insurance. All youth workers have their Working with Children clearance and

there will be at least one youth worker who is First Aid qualified. Parents/guardians will receive a consent form before the boys are accepted into the program and this will provide full details. We do expect the boys to conduct themselves appropriately while representing Top Blokes.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

About the Award

The Award is a leading structured (non-formal education) youth development program, empowering all young Australians aged 14-24 to explore their full potential and find their purpose, passion and place in the world, regardless of their location or circumstance. The Award is a fully inclusive program and has no social, political, or religious affiliations. Top Blokes Foundation are a registered Award Centre, meaning they have the licence to oversee the delivery of this award.

How is an Award Achieved?

To earn an Award, each young person must learn a skill, improve their physical well being, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment. All Participants are supported by a network of adult Award Leaders, Assessors, and Supervisors.

Throughout their Ambassadorship, Youth Ambassadors will have the opportunity to participate in their Bronze (under 14) or Silver (over 14) Award. This award is structured to ensure the young person engages in 4 aspects: *Physical Recreation, Skills, Voluntary Service and Adventurous Journey*. Achieving an Award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and achievement.









Time requirements:

Bronze - minimum 6 months

Silver - minimum 6 months if completed Bronze otherwise 12 months for direct entry

What impact does the Award have on a young person?

Through this challenging journey of self-discovery, award Participants:

- Are equipped and empowered to achieve their personal best
- · Learn to take responsibility for their goals and choices
- · Become connected to and actively engaged within their immediate community
- Make a real difference to society through their positive contributions and involvement
- Learn to persevere and overcome barriers to success
- Learn important life skills
- · Increase their career opportunities

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