



STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LIMITED (SA BRANCH)



INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS 2026

Nominations are now invited for the 2026 Student Citizenship Awards.

Each school or college is entitled to nominate one or two students from Years 11 and/or 12 who satisfy the criteria listed in the following pages for these prestigious awards.

The awards are intended to recognise those senior students who actively engage with and contribute to school and/or local communities. The Awards exemplify the Association's objective:

to celebrate and
promote outstanding
Australian citizenship

All nominations are considered by an adjudication panel and all students who are judged to meet the selection criteria will receive a medallion and certificate signed by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the The Order of Australia Association Limited (SA Branch).

The top ten awards each year are classed 'With Distinction' and recipients will be invited to receive their medallion mounted on a special plaque with personalised engraving at a reception to be hosted by Her Excellency at Government House.

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For each nomination, the following criteria will be used to assess the nature and value of service to the school and community and to identify the attributes of leadership and pride in Australian citizenship.

In particular, examples should be cited that demonstrate:

- ★ Achievements that display significant benefits for the school and/or the general community;
- ★ Leadership, citizenship, and skills in organisation, management and communication;
- ★ Concern for the well-being of disadvantaged equity groups in need such as (but not limited to) homeless youth, refugees, elderly or those with a disability;

AND / OR

Making a significant contribution to the development and/or sustainability of the environment or community.

For the assessment and selection process, all criteria should be addressed in the nomination form and are of equal value. Students nominated in past years are eligible to be renominated, but students received at Government House previously will be ranked only on achievements since that recognition.



Callum McIntyre from Mount Gambier High School was the inaugural recipient of the Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM Award for the Student Citizen of the Year. We thank the late 'Chook' Fowler and his family for supporting our program in this way.

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

In keeping with the aim of the Association to raise awareness about The Order of Australia, each School / College can have a member of the Association – an Australian Honours recipient – to attend a suitable school function, probably in term 4, to present the Student Citizenship Award medallion and certificate to the recipient student.

Arrangements are negotiated with the SCA Convenor.



DOWNLOAD THE NOMINATION FORM FOR 2026 from The Order of Australia Association Limited (SA Branch) website:

www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/school-awards

Closing date for nominations
Monday, 27 July 2026

Proudly working with the support of the Government of South Australia and in collaboration with The Governor's Civics Awards for Schools program.





THE ANNUAL KEITH "CHOOK" FOWLER OAM AWARD FOR THE STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Student Citizen of the Year is selected by the Assessment and Selection Panel from the top 10 students. This Award is announced at the Governor's reception and the trophy is presented by Her Excellency to the successful student.



Further Information

For further information email the
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2025 Student Citizen of the Year
Callum McIntyre from Mount
Gambier High School, with Her
Excellency the Honourable Frances
Adamson AC, Governor of South
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