

Highlands Heroes 2026

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Nominate A Highlands Hero

The SHCF Highlands Heroes award aims to recognise and reward those quiet achievers within the Southern Highlands community who work tirelessly for their chosen cause as volunteers.

There are two awards; [Highlands Heroes](#) and [Young Hero](#), with each winner receiving a grant for their organisation or cause.

We're looking for nominations now. If you know of someone who might fit the bill, find out more and complete the nomination form below.

Nominated volunteers do not need to be leaders within their organisation. The judging panel will be looking for those volunteers who have contributed in their own way to the betterment of the organisation and/or its services and who have not sought recognition or acclamation.

Nominations will be called from not-for-profit community organisations operating within the Southern Highlands and every two months a new Highland Hero will be recognised and rewarded with a **\$5,000 grant** to the organisation with which they are affiliated with.

To be considered for the award of Highland Hero, the following will be considered by the judging panel:

- Length of volunteer service
- Type of activities undertaken by volunteer
- Impact of volunteer on the work of organisation
- Total funds raised by volunteer if engaged in activities for fundraising
- Ways in which the volunteer has energised and influenced others to become involved in the organisation.
- The commitment to mentoring others within their organisation and recruiting others to be become involved.
- Any unique aspects to the work of the volunteer, above and beyond
- Testaments from 2 other members of the organisation along with the nominator

Note: Volunteers must be affiliated with organisations that meet the Southern Highlands Community Foundation criteria for funding:

- The geographical focus of the volunteering must be Wingecarribee LGA
- The organisation supported by the volunteer must be established with management or board structure, relevant registration, registered bank account and the ability to report on impact and outcomes of grant.

We do not fund:

1. Organisations that are politically focussed or are involved in proselytising
2. Individuals
3. DGR 2 organisations
4. Organisations that have been established for non-charitable purpose
5. Membership based organisations where activities only benefit their members.

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Eligibility

* indicates a required field

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This field is read only.

Applicants: please note

Before completing this application form, you should have read the program guidelines:

<https://shcf.org.au/highlands-heroes>

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

This section of the application form is designed to help you, and us, understand if you are eligible for this grant. It is important that you complete these questions before any others to ensure you do not waste your time applying for an unsuitable grant.

If you have any questions in regards to these eligibility criteria, please contact **Vanessa at office@shcf.org.au**

If you do contact us throughout the application process, please quote the application number below.

Application Number

This field is read only.

Confirmation of Eligibility

Before proceeding, please confirm the following:

- you have read and understood the program guidelines
- Young Highlands Heroes applicants must be aged between 13 and 21 and may either self-nominate or be nominated by a third party.
- you are located in (and/or supplies services to) **the Southern Highlands Region of NSW** the Volunteer you have nominated has been with the organisation for at least 6 months
- The successful winner will receive a **\$5,000 SHCF grant** to donate to their nominated organisation.
- you do not owe any reports or money to **SHCF** as a result of previous funding or grants

You must confirm that all statements above are true and correct. *

Yes

Contact Details

* indicates a required field

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Privacy Notice

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Applicant Organisation Details

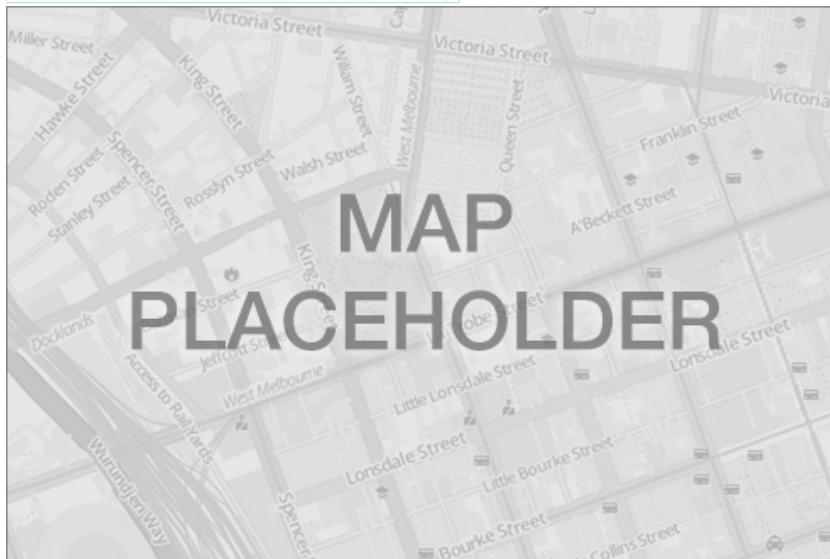
Applicant *

Title First Name Last Name

Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation.

Applicant primary address

Address



Applicant postal address

Address

Applicant primary phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant email address *

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Must be an email address.

Applicant website

Must be a URL.

Nominators Name

Title First Name Last Name

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Nominated Volunteer Details

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Details

What is the name of the Volunteer you are nominating?

Is the Volunteer

- Adult
- Youth (13-21 years)

What is the Volunteers' role in your organisation *

How long has the Volunteer been working in your organisation?

Tell us about your organisation

How the Volunteer has helped your Organisation

Please provide a short summary of what your Volunteer has done for your organisation *

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Be descriptive, but succinct.

How has the nominated Volunteer contributed in their own way to the betterment of your organisation and/or its services in the Southern Highlands?

If involved in fundraising, please indicate the approx. value of funds raised by the Volunteer

Further support details of your Nomination

Upload information to support your application

Please upload letters of support (if available/relevant) which provide evidence as to why the nominee should be selected.

Attach a file:

A maximum of 5 files can be attached

Funding for your Organisation

If your nominated Volunteer is successful, how will the organisation utilise the \$5,000 award money?

Does the organisation and nominated volunteer agree to be available for media and other promotional activities

Certification and Feedback

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Certification

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This section must be completed by an appropriately authorised person on behalf of the applicant organisation (may be different to the contact person listed earlier in this application form).

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct, and I understand that if the applicant organisation is approved for this grant, we will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant as outlined in the letter of approval.

I agree *

Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title First Name Last Name

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Must be a senior staff member, trustee or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback. (If you would rather provide anonymous feedback, please go to **{{ Grantmakers: provide a link to an anonymous survey or delete this sentence }}**).

Please indicate how you found the online application process.

Very easy Easy Neutral Difficult Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

Estimate in minutes i.e. 1 hour = 60

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.