

REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS RECOGNITION AWARDS (RASRA) 2019 Nomination Form

Refugee
Week



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ABOUT THE RASR AWARDS

The Refugee and Asylum Seekers Recognition Awards recognises individuals from a refugee and asylum seeker background for their outstanding contribution to the Australian community. It also recognises the volunteers who have contributed significantly to the advancement of refugee resettlement and the betterment of refugees' lives in Australia. The RASR Awards also mark and form part of the celebrations for Refugee Week (16-22 June 2019) – Australia's peak annual activity to inform the public on refugee issues. Recipients are recognised at an Awards Ceremony held during the Refugee Week.

In 2019, awards will be presented in the following ten categories:

- Refugee Champion Award
- Success & Integration Award
- Service to the Community
- Youth Achievement (12 – 25 years)
- Sports Athlete of year
- Art Award
- Academic Achievement
- Business Achievement
- Refugee Employee/Employer Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED FOR AN AWARD?

The RASRA is open to any individual from Australia as long as they are a refugee, an asylum seeker or a volunteer in the refugee sector and worthy of recognition and fall within one of the award categories.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR NOMINATION?

Complete the nomination form and submit with a statement of support comprising of no more than two A4 pages. Include a brief background on the nominee, and reflect on the key activities they have undertaken which demonstrate passion, leadership or commitment within their community.

1. Supporting material – where appropriate you may attach relevant material to support your nomination. For example, you may include news articles, photographs or transcripts of interviews. Please note that supporting material cannot be returned, so please do not send original copies.
2. Send your completed nomination form and statement of support to:

EMAIL (PREFERRED)
MAIL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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Friends of Refugees

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Nominations for the Awards must be received by 5.00 pm on Monday 20th May 2019

HOW ARE THE NOMINATIONS ASSESSED?

When submitting your nomination, please ensure the nominee meets the following assessment criteria:

- Arrived in Australia as a refugee, asylum seeker, humanitarian entrant or is a volunteer who has contributed significantly to the advancement of refugee resettlement and the betterment of refugees' lives in Australia
- Nominees must have verifiable achievement of integration with success in Australia. They must have demonstrated positive community involvement that improves the lives, relationships, and diversity that is integral in maintaining a positive outlook on resettlement, for refugees and the community at large.

Please note:

- Your nomination must address the assessment criteria. A nomination may be declared invalid if all of the relevant criteria have not been addressed or the nomination form is incomplete.
- Remember your nomination can only be assessed on the information you provide – please take your time when preparing the application and include all details that reflect the activity / work of the individual, as well as any information about their background which will support the nomination.
- Please ensure your nomination is written in a clear and concise manner, and is easy to understand. Typed nominations are preferred. FOR may request further information if required.
- You must personally know the person you are nominating, and inform them of the nomination. Please ensure contact details are correct and current.
- An initial assessment will be made to ensure that nominations are valid and meet the assessment criteria. Referees will be contacted, so please ensure referee contact details are current and correct, and that they are aware of the nomination.
- All persons submitting nominations will receive a letter of acknowledgement to confirm receipt.
- Nominations will be assessed by a selection panel and nominators will be notified in writing of the success of their nomination.

WHAT ARE THE NOMINATION CATEGORIES?

REFUGEE CHAMPION AWARD: The Champion Awards are given to volunteers who have contributed significantly to the advancement of refugee resettlement and the betterment of refugees' lives in Australia.

SUCCESS & INTEGRATION AWARD: An individual who has demonstrated outstanding success by involvement in the broad community, leadership, organising, and other public efforts that help increase awareness of, and improve services to, the larger community.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY: An individual who has demonstrated positive community involvement and has dedicated time to voluntary work, either within their own local community, or the community at large.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT (12-25 YEARS): A young person aged 12-25 making an outstanding contribution to Australian society in their chosen field.

SPORTS ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: Recognising an inspirational athlete based on the courage and performance shown to reach the elite level at their chosen sport.

ART AWARD: Recognises and celebrates the outstanding work and achievements of artists from refugee background.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Recognise those students who have demonstrated outstanding effort, dedication and academic achievement in their chosen field of study.

BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT: Celebrates the best and brightest of the businesses run by an individual of a refugee or asylum seeker background.

REFUGEE EMPLOYEE/EMPLOYER AWARD: Recognises the unique contribution or the value of expertise and experience of an employee/employer or a team at a workplace.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented in recognition of an individual's outstanding leadership and contribution to the Refugee sector for **more than** 25 years.

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NOMINEE'S DETAILS:

Questions with an * are required.

Name: * _____

Organisation (if applicable): * _____

E-mail: * _____

Phone: * _____

Address: * _____

Nominee's cultural identity / background: * _____

Has the nominee given you permission to be nominated? Yes No

Award Category: * (you can select up to two categories)

Refugee Champion Award

Art Award

Success & Integration Award

Academic Achievement

Service to the community

Business Achievement

Youth Achievement

Refugee Employee/Employer Award

Sports Athlete of the year

Lifetime Achievement Award

NOMINATOR'S DETAILS:

Name: * _____

Organisation (if applicable): * _____

E-mail: * _____

Phone: * _____

Address: * _____

DETAILS OF A REFEREE WHO CAN BE CONTACTED TO SUPPORT YOUR NOMINATION

Name: * _____

Organisation (if applicable): * _____

E-mail: * _____

Phone: * _____

Address: * _____

DECLARATION BY NOMINATOR

I hereby nominate this person in accordance with the guidelines outlined above for the 2019 Refugee and Asylum Seeker Recognition Awards. I have attached a written statement/relevant material and details of a referee to support my nomination. All details included in my Statement of Support are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: * _____ Date: * _____

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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT:

Please write a brief outline in the space provided (attach extra pages if required) about the nominee reflecting on the key activities or work undertaken by the individual that demonstrate passion, leadership or commitment including major highlights and contributions.