

Awards Benevolence Program (ABP)

- **The Compass Award**
- **The Bridge Award**
- **The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award**

The Awards Benevolence Program (ABP) provides financial assistance for 'disadvantaged or marginalised' youth (aged 10-24)

The ABP exists through generous donations and fundraising efforts that endeavour to ensure that every young Victorian who wants to be involved in an Award, can be. Currently, federal funding for The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is made available to assist disadvantaged or marginalised youth with costs incurred as a result of participation in the Award, including participant fees.

The ABP has been instigated to assist with other associated costs incurred as a result of participation in the Award and other Awards licenced by Awards Victoria, not covered by this federal funding. ABP funding is available for Participants who are considered disadvantaged, living with a disability, of low-socioeconomic status, or experiencing other forms of marginalisation.

Applications for ABP can be made by Licensed Operators, Principals, Teachers, youth workers, or other adult volunteers on behalf of the Participants they will be supporting through the Awards.

There are three different funding streams that have been developed to address the different needs of organisations and individuals involved in any of the Awards as described below.

Funding Types

There are three funding streams available. *(Each grant uses the same application form)*

1.	<u>Leadership Support</u>	\$5,000 (4 grants available in 2019, 2 per semester)
	This grant is to support the funding of staff and/or carers in underfunded organisations to better support the journey of participants. Participant fees are also eligible to be covered by this funding stream. <i>A minimum of five participants is required.</i>	
2.	<u>Group Support</u>	\$15,000 (1 per semester. Up to \$7,500)
	This grant is to assist with group registration fees, as well as costs incurred as a result of transport, activities, staffing and/or carer support, and support for exploration costs. <i>A minimum of five participants is required.</i>	
3.	<u>Fee Support</u>	Participant fee funding (approx. 50 available)
	This grant fully or partially funds the registration fees for Bridge and Compass Award. For details on Duke of Ed fee support, please contact the office. <i>Up to 10 participants</i>	

About the Application Process

- Leadership and Group Support grants will be issued in Term 1 and Term 3.
- Early applications will be accepted at any time, however they will not be processed until applications have formally opened.
- Term 1 - Round 1 Applications Open **1 February** Close **31 March**
- Term 3 - Round 2 Applications Open **1 July** Close **31 August**

- Fee Support funding is available throughout 2019.
- Funding is subject to availability, for approximately 100 participants (fee support only). Applications are assessed on impact measured and awarded accordingly.
- Applications are assessed by a delegated panel at Awards Victoria.
- Applicants for Leadership & Group Support will receive written confirmation within 10 working days of the close date.
- Applicants for Fee Support will receive written confirmation within 10 working days of the application.
- All funding allocations are recorded and reported to the Awards Victoria Board.

Funding Criteria (must meet all five to be eligible)

1. All application questions must be answered thoroughly.
2. Program reporting is mandatory. For Leadership and Group Support grants, reporting on the impact and outcomes is required at six, twelve and eighteen months.
3. 80% of supported participants must complete the ****Award**.
4. Applicants must disclose all financial assistance already received (Eg. ADVANCE).
5. Organisations are only eligible for one *****ABP** funding type per calendar year.

**** If this criteria is not met, you will not be eligible to apply the following year.**
***** ABP funding only. Can also receive federal funding.**

Conditions

The following conditions will apply:

- All grants include GST and all costs must be GST inclusive.
- Under Leadership and/or Group Support funding, the maximum amount any Participant can receive is \$500.
- Registration support cannot exceed the RRP for registrations set by Awards Victoria.
- Exploration funding can be used to hire, but not purchase equipment.
- Exploration funding cannot be used for overseas travel. Interstate travel may be considered if local options are not available. Local options are the strong preference.
- Staff and/or Carer support may only be claimed for relief staff costs where and when staff are engaged with activities and roles involved with leading and supporting the delivery of the program within the organisation. Such as, accompanying participants on their Exploration section or during activities, or directly leading the program within the organisation.
- Staff Support costs may also be claimed for relief staff where or when staff are required to attend any Award Training offered by Awards Victoria.
- Carer Support costs can be claimed for carers where Participants have high or additional support needs e.g. social, physical, behavioural, and intellectual challenges.

How to Apply

Complete the following application form and return to:

Awards Victoria

6/25-31 Argyle Street

Fitzroy Vic 3065

Email info@awardsvic.org.au

Phone: 03-8412 9333

Application Form

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Before completing the application form, please ensure:

- Your organisation meets/will be able to deliver on all criteria of ABP and licence requirements.
- You have reviewed the current fee structure

Name	
School/Organisation	
Role	
Phone	
Email	

1.	Is your school/organisation already a Licensed Operator?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2.	Have you previously applied for ABP or AFAP funding?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	If YES, how many participants were registered last application?		
	How many participants achieved/completed their Award?		
3.	Estimated time it will take your participants to complete	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 school year	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 school years
4.	Will the ABP funding assist you to expand your Award program?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5.	What approximate percentage of participants at your organisation fall under the low socio-economic bracket in Australia:		
6.	Why does your school/organisation require this funding? <input type="checkbox"/> Participant's families are unable to afford the cost of the Award. <input type="checkbox"/> It would embed the Award more deeply into the culture of the school and/or community. <input type="checkbox"/> To assist with the Adventurous Journey/Exploration component. <input type="checkbox"/> To increase the engagement of disengaged students at school <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please provide details		
7.	Please describe how your school/organisation intends to make the Award/s financially sustainable in the future.		
8.	As part of reporting obligations, we are required to illustrate how ABP has assisted young people to become involved in the Award. Please indicate whether you give permission for the information provided in this application to be utilised (no personal and/or identifying information will be disclosed). Do you consent to Awards Victoria contacting you for further information to substantiate our reports (eg more detailed accounts of Award activities)?		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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9.	What other funding sources will you also draw on to make the Award viable? <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Parents/Guardians</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> School/Organisation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Donations</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Rotary</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other community organisations</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Local business</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Local council</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please provide details</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Parents/Guardians	<input type="checkbox"/> School/Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Donations	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Rotary	<input type="checkbox"/> Other community organisations	<input type="checkbox"/> Local business	<input type="checkbox"/> Local council	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please provide details	
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We hereby apply for:

Funding Type: <i>(Please use only one column)</i>	1 Leadership Support	2 Group Support	3 Fee Support
Number of Participants for funding:			
Participant's contribution to fees:	\$	\$	\$
Amount requested to fund Participant fees:	\$	\$	\$
Staff and/or Career support:	\$	\$	
Activities support		\$	
Requesting Organisation's total contribution to program:	\$	\$	\$
Total ABP Request	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$

Leadership and Group Support applications

Please attach a one-page summary explaining how the funding will be used and desired outcomes.

Attached:

Fee Support Applications

Please attach a spreadsheet containing the names of your participants.

Attached:

Notice of agreement:

I hereby state that all the information provided on this application is true and correct. I agree to inform Awards Victoria of any changes to these circumstances immediately. On behalf of our organisation and the participants, I commit to the terms and conditions of ABP and the chosen Award's requirements.

Signature

Date:

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