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Local MP encourages community to nominate young people for the 2008 WA Youth Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2008 WA Youth Awards.

Local MLA Tony Simpson has encouraged the community to nominate those young people who had achieved something outstanding in the past year.

“This is a way for the community to acknowledge a young person that has done something worthy of public attention,” said Mr Simpson.

“If we expect the next generation to be one of high achieving and civic minded, we must reward them when they do something right. These awards are one way of doing this.”

Nominations are open for all six categories of the WA Youth Awards. These are:

- Edith Cowan University Leadership Award - for an individual who has demonstrated leadership and made significant achievements in the field of education, business, Government or community, and made a noteworthy contribution to the community;
- Woodside Citizenship (Individual) Award - for an individual who has shown extraordinary dedication towards others, or empowered others to participate in determining the nature of their community;
- Nickel West Citizenship (Group) Award - for a group that has shown extraordinary dedication towards others, or empowered others to participate in determining the nature of their community;
- Department of Environment and Conservation Environment Award - for an individual or group who has shown leadership and commitment to improving the environment;
- Lotterywest-Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation Inspiration Award - for an individual who, having overcome difficulties (such as issues relating to family, culture, geographic location, health and disability), has contributed to society and is an inspirational role model to others; and
- Office for Youth Active Achievement Award - for an individual whose extensive involvement in sport or recreation has benefited others and the community.

An overall winner will be announced as the 2008 WA Young Person of the Year.



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The 2008 WA Youth Award winners will be announced during National Youth Week (April 5-13) at a gala presentation event on Thursday, April 10.

Category winners will receive \$2,000, and the WA Young Person of the Year will receive two return tickets to a European destination courtesy of Singapore Airlines.

The nomination period closes at 5pm on Friday, February 29. For an entry form, visit <http://www.childrenandyouth.wa.gov.au> or contact the Department for Communities' Office for Youth on (08) 6217 8400 or Freecall 1800 281 116.

"It would be fantastic if one of the winners this year was from our local community," Mr Simpson said.