

AWARD SELECTION GUIDELINES



DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING



The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards commenced in 2006 to foster the development of youth in terms of behaviour and attributes considered essential in Australia's future leaders.

The awards are a means to formally recognise those students who have demonstrated leadership and teamwork within their school and the broader community, and who display strong personal ethical values, such as doing one's best, respecting others and "mateship" – aspects considered essential to the ADF and Australian Society.

Participation in the awards program is open to all Australian schools with students enrolled in Year 10 and/or Year 12. Participation is of course voluntary and at the discretion of individual school principals.

The program supports the presentation of up to two awards to successful students each year from participating schools – one from Year 10 and another from Year 12.

It is recommended that schools identify Long Tan award recipients in accordance with the attached ADF selection guidelines, which promote the requisite behaviours and attributes expected of future leaders by both the ADF and Australian society.

School principals are strongly encouraged to use a transparent selection process that is equitable and robust under scrutiny, such as selection by committee rather than by an individual.

Where possible, Awards should be presented during school events such as Speech Nights, Presentation events or other appropriate school assemblies. Accordingly, schools are requested to provide the ADF with an opportunity for a member to attend the presentation ceremony, as a representative of the Chief of the Defence Force.

Please note that, where approved to do so, the names of schools with award winners may be made available to local media.

By following the recommended guidelines and selection criteria, schools will help to ensure the ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards continue to be a successful means of recognising and encouraging many of Australia's future leaders along a pathway to success.