

Governor's Multicultural Awards 2026

Nomination Guidelines



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About the awards

The Governor's Multicultural Awards recognise and celebrate the organisations, teams and people promoting a more culturally inclusive and connected South Australia.

These annual awards are presented by the Governor of South Australia on the advice of an independent judging panel and administered by the Government of South Australia through Multicultural Affairs.

**Nominations close at 11pm on
Sunday 1 November 2026.**

Finalists will be announced
in early 2027.

2025 award winners



Award categories and criteria

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Outstanding Individual Achievement Award

An individual who has distinguished themselves by advancing or promoting multiculturalism, social cohesion and intercultural understanding in South Australia over a period of at least 10 years.

Regional Achievement Award

An organisation, team or individual based outside Greater Adelaide, making a significant contribution to promoting multiculturalism and demonstrating the transformative impact of cultural diversity across South Australia.

Eligible regional nominees in other award categories will also be automatically considered for this award.

Arts and Culture Award

An organisation, team or individual making an outstanding contribution to promoting multiculturalism and intercultural understanding in the South Australian community through arts or cultural activities.

Community Sector Award

An organisation, team or individual working or volunteering in the not-for-profit sector, whose work has promoted multiculturalism and improved community harmony and inclusion in South Australia.

Media Award

An organisation, team or individual working or volunteering in traditional or emerging media whose work has demonstrated a significant commitment to promoting multiculturalism, harmony and inclusion, resulting in positive outcomes for the South Australian community.

Award categories and criteria

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Private Sector Award

An employee, team or business that has demonstrated outstanding culturally responsive and inclusive practices in their workforce, operations or service delivery, which promote understanding, inclusion and community connection.

Public Sector Award

A local, state or federal government department, unit, team or individual who has provided outstanding services – above and beyond their role – that recognise, support or promote cultural inclusion and diversity in South Australia.

Volunteer Award

An active volunteer with at least five years of service, who has made an outstanding contribution to multiculturalism and intercultural understanding in the South Australian community.

Senior Volunteer Award

An individual volunteer aged 60 years or older who has made a longstanding contribution to South Australia's multicultural community. The individual may volunteer in the not-for-profit, private or government sector.

Youth Award

An individual or group of people aged 30 years or younger, or a youth organisation, that has promoted multiculturalism, community harmony or intercultural understanding in the South Australian community.

How to nominate

Nominating is simple and open to all South Australians.

Help shine a light on the organisations, teams or individuals making a difference in our community.



Nominate online
multicultural.sa.gov.au/gma



Request a hardcopy nomination form
MulticulturalEvents@sa.gov.au

**Nominations must
be submitted by 11pm
Sunday 1 November 2026.**

**Late or incomplete
nominations will not
be accepted.**

2023 Youth Award highly commended finalist and winner



What you will need

To complete a nomination:

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Details about the nominee

- Nominee's name, age and contact details.
- For team and organisation nominations, provide the contact details of the team leader or organisation head.

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Information to support the nomination

- A supporting statement of up to 500 words explaining why the nominee should be considered.
- The names and contact details of two independent referees.
- Up to 10 work samples, for Media Award nominations only.

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Your details

- Your name and contact details.
- If you are nominating on behalf of an organisation, provide the organisation head's contact details.

2023 Community Sector Award winner

Read the important information on page 8 before you start a nomination.

For support when submitting a nomination, email MulticulturalEvents@sa.gov.au or call 7133 7932

The supporting statement

Each nomination must include a supporting statement of up to 500 words that demonstrates the nominee's contributions and achievements in the selected category.

This statement should include:

- evidence of the positive impact and reach of the nominee's work within the community
- the length of time the nominee has been involved in relevant activities
- any other relevant achievements, awards, honours or public recognition
- any current or previous positions they have held that are relevant to the nomination.

Media Award nominations must also include examples of publications, articles, broadcasts or other relevant media content that support the nomination.

2025 finalists and guests



Important information

Nominee requirements

- The nominee must live or be based in South Australia, including for the duration of the period being assessed.
- To be eligible for the Regional Achievement Award, the nominee must live or be based outside Greater Adelaide area for the duration of the period being assessed. View a map of this area at livingadelaide.sa.gov.au/the_plan
- Previous award recipients may be nominated in a different category but cannot be nominated for an award they have previously won.
- Previous unsuccessful nominees may be nominated again in any category.
- The nominee must be alive when nominated, although an award may be presented posthumously.
- Nominees can nominate themselves.

Choosing a category

- Each nomination can only be submitted in one category.
- If a nominee's achievements span several areas, choose the category that best reflects their contribution.
- The Judging Panel may transfer a nomination to a different category if it determines another category is a better fit.
- The Media Award category includes traditional media, such as television, radio, newspapers and magazines, as well as blogs, podcasts, social media and other digital platforms.

Submitting nominations

- All nominations must be submitted by 11pm on Sunday 1 November 2026. Late or incomplete nominations will not be accepted.
- You can submit multiple nominations, provided each nomination is for a different individual, team or organisation.
- If you're mailing a hard-copy nomination form, allow at least five business days for it to reach Multicultural Affairs before the closing date.

Important information

Referees, supporting information and verifying details

- You will need to provide two referees with first-hand knowledge of the nominee's achievements.
 - You cannot list yourself as a referee.
 - While referees can be from the same organisation as the nominee, you are encouraged to use referees from different organisations to provide a broader perspective on the nominee's achievements.
 - You will be asked to declare that all information in your nomination, including the supporting statement, is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.
 - Nominations containing inaccurate or misleading information may not be considered.
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How nominations are assessed

- Unless otherwise stated, nominations are assessed on achievements and contributions made in the two years leading up to the nominations closing date.
- Multiple nominations do not increase an organisation, team or individual's likelihood of being shortlisted. Nominations are assessed on quality, not quantity.
- Any organisation, team or individual that meets the category criteria is eligible, regardless of their cultural background – they are assessed on their contribution to multiculturalism in South Australia.

What happens next

Following the close of the nomination period:

- All nominations are assessed by an independent judging panel.
- Multicultural Affairs will contact all nominees to advise them of their nomination and whether they have been selected as a finalist.
- Finalists and award recipients will be advised and announced in early 2027.

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2024 Senior Volunteer Award joint winners

