

# Governor's Multicultural Awards 2025

## Nomination Guidelines



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# About the awards

These important awards recognise and celebrate outstanding South Australians who promote multiculturalism and increase understanding of the benefits of cultural diversity in our community.

The Governor's Multicultural Awards are held annually and administered by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet through Multicultural Affairs. They are presented by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, on the advice of an independent judging panel.

**Nominations close at 11pm on  
Sunday 28 September 2025.**

Winners will be announced at a ceremony at Government House, Adelaide in March 2026.

2024 award winners



# Award categories and criteria

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## Outstanding Individual Achievement Award

An outstanding individual who has distinguished themselves by advancing and promoting multiculturalism, social cohesion and intercultural understanding in South Australia for at least 10 years.

**New  
in 2025**

## Regional Achievement Award

An individual, group, team or organisation based in regional South Australia and making a significant contribution to promoting multiculturalism and demonstrating the transformative impact of cultural diversity in our state.

**There are two ways for a nomination to be considered for this award. See page 5 for more information.**

## Arts and Culture Award

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

## Community Sector Award

A not-for-profit community organisation, individual or team of employees or volunteers within a broader organisation, whose work has promoted multiculturalism and improved community harmony and inclusion.

## Media Award

A journalist or media communicator, team or organisation that has demonstrated significant commitment or achievement in promoting multiculturalism, harmony, and inclusion through traditional or new media, resulting in positive outcomes for the South Australian community.

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## Private Sector Award

A private sector employee, team or business that has demonstrated outstanding culturally responsive and inclusive practices in their workforce, operations or service delivery – that promote community harmony and intercultural understanding.

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## Public Sector Award

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

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## 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.

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## Senior Volunteer Award

An individual over 60 years of age, who has been a longstanding volunteer contributing to South Australia's multicultural community. The individual may be a volunteer in the not-for-profit, private or government sector.

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## Youth Award

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

# Important information

- Unless otherwise stated, judging is based on an assessment of outstanding contribution in the two years leading up to Sunday 28 September 2025.
- The nominee must reside or be based in South Australia, including for the duration of the period being assessed.
- Multiple nominations by one nominator for the same nominee will not be accepted.
- The nominee must be nominated while they are living; however, the award can be given posthumously.
- Previously unsuccessful nominees can be re-nominated.
- Previous award winners cannot receive a second award in the same category but can be considered for recognition in a different category.
- The nominee can self-nominate.



## Regional Achievement Award only

- There are two ways for a nomination to be considered for the Regional Achievement Award:
  - nominate a regional nominee directly into this category (for consideration for this award only), or
  - nominate a regional nominee into any of the nine other categories (for automatic consideration against the criteria for both awards).
- The nominee must reside or be based in regional South Australia, including for the duration of the period being assessed.
- Regional South Australia is defined as any location in the state that is outside the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Greater Capital City Statistical Area for Greater Adelaide.

# How to nominate

Nominating is a simple process that is open to all South Australians.

Nominate an individual, team or organisation making a positive contribution to multiculturalism – and help share their story.



Nominate online  
[multicultural.sa.gov.au/gma](https://multicultural.sa.gov.au/gma)



Request a hardcopy nomination form  
[MulticulturalEvents@sa.gov.au](mailto:MulticulturalEvents@sa.gov.au)

Complete and submit  
your nomination by 11pm on  
Sunday 28 September 2025.

Late or incomplete  
nominations will not be  
considered.

2023 Youth Award highly commended finalist and winner



# What you will need

To complete your nomination, you will need:

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## The name, age and contact details of the person you are nominating

If you are nominating a team or organisation, provide details for the head of the organisation or team.

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## Details to support the nomination

- A supporting statement (up to 500 words)
- Examples of the nominee's work (Media Award only)
- The names and contact details of two independent referees.

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## Your name and contact details

If you are nominating on behalf of an organisation, you will also need details for the head of the organisation.

2023 Community Sector Award winner

For support when submitting a nomination, email [MulticulturalEvents@sa.gov.au](mailto:MulticulturalEvents@sa.gov.au) or call 7133 7932

# The supporting statement

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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:

- Details of the nominee's achievements in the selected category.
- Details of the nominee's contributions towards promoting multiculturalism and increasing understanding of cultural diversity in South Australia during the relevant period.
- Information about the positive impact and reach of the nominee's efforts in the community.
- The number of years the nominee has been engaged in relevant activities.
- Other relevant achievements or evidence of public recognition.
- Other relevant current or previous positions held by the nominee.

## Supporting documents (Media Award only):

- Examples of publication/s, article/s, broadcast/s or other relevant media content to support the nomination.

2024 Senior Volunteer Award joint winners



# What happens next

## Following the close of the nomination period:

- All nominations will be assessed by an independent Judging Panel.
- Nominees will be notified in writing by Multicultural Affairs.
- Nominators will be updated on the status of their nomination following the Judging Panel meeting.
- Winners will be announced in March 2026.

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