



# ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

## 1. THE AWARD

The inaugural **International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award** was launched as part of the annual International Women's Day Festival in 2007, proudly sponsored by Griffith University.

The International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award is now presented each year as part of the Festival and aims to recognise the outstanding contribution made by the youth in their community and school environment.

The International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award acknowledges young women who have been identified as making an outstanding contribution to their community or school and demonstrates leadership qualities in all of her endeavours.

The International Women's Day Festival is renowned as the most prominent women's event on the Gold Coast, and in 2010 the event will be in its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of celebration and education and will be held at the Gold Coast Arts Centre between the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2010.

The 2009 International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award recipient, Southport State High School student, Emi Nishiguchi was chosen for her dedication, commitment and maturity shown in her studies, school environment and wider community service achievements.

The philosophy of the award is to provide opportunities for our next generation of leaders to network with, be inspired, and mentored by successful women who are leading the way in business and in the community.

The 2010 International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award acknowledges young women who demonstrate vision, commitment, inspiration, courage, and display leadership qualities throughout all of their pursuits.

The recipient of the prestigious 2010 International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award will be a future leader in her chosen endeavour, today she will be committed to making a difference in the lives of others, as a role model in her school community or through community service.



## 2. 2010 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD CATEGORIES

In 2010 we are introducing one exciting new award category plus a financial bursary and encouragement award. This year's categories include:

- a) **2010 IWD Youth Leadership Award** sponsored by Griffith University.
- b) **2010 IWD Youth Leadership Performing Arts Award** sponsored by Williams Talent. The criteria for nomination is as follows:
  - The senior high school student must turn 16 years by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010
  - Demonstrate proficient experience of foundation acting skills or high level of recognized talent in acting, stage performance, theatre, film or TV
  - Additional performance skills such as singing, dancing, acrobatics an advantage but not necessary
  - A strong desire and commitment to the long term career of acting.
- c) **A financial Bursary of \$1000** sponsored by the Haynes Family Trust.
- d) **2010 IWD Youth Leadership Encouragement Award** sponsored by Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat and awarded to six students who deserve recognition and encouragement for their achievements.

## 3. THE BENEFITS

The benefits of participating in the International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award Program are numerous, from the honour of reflecting and obtaining well deserved recognition for your achievements through to the opportunity to meet many successful women, mentors and other youth leaders.

### Prizes:

All awards are proudly presented by Griffith University and Mayor Ron Clarke MBE on behalf of the Gold Coast City Council.

All students who qualify as finalists will be presented with a certificate of attainment and a fantastic gift that recognizes their success, dedication and achievements.

Women at Work International will present each finalist with (4) tickets to 'a day of inspiration' at the 2010 International Women's Day Employment, Training and Lifestyle Expo - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

The student awarded the overall **2010 IWD Youth Leadership Award** will receive a prestigious prize package presented by Griffith University.

The student who is awarded the **2010 IWD Youth Leadership Performing Arts Award** will receive a range of prizes to include a 12 month professional representation by Williams Talent (starting date to be at the will of the recipient), ten week course in acting techniques and on camera skills, and a professional photographic portfolio to include head and colour option shots.

**The \$1000 financial bursary** will be presented by the Haynes Family Trust to the selected student displaying talent and leadership from a minority group who is experiencing financial difficulty or special circumstances.

The six selected students who are presented with the **2010 IWD Youth Leadership Encouragement Award** will receive an 'Exclusive Gwinganna Experience' and will be able to enjoy an exclusive morning experience at Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat. Beginning at 9am, you will tour the stunning retreat and spa, hear an exclusive lifestyle seminar by a key presenter on stress and nutrition, enjoy brunch in the spa and take home a special gift pack. This is a unique experience opportunity.

#### **4. THE JUDGING PROCESS**

The judging panel consists of members who have made a significant contribution through their respective roles as business leaders and/or their work within local community organisations. The International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award Judges include: Councillor Chris Robbins - GCCC, Michelle Wear - Griffith University, and Bree Robbins – HR Consultant.

Bree Robbins is the Patron of the award. The Youth Award category was introduced to honour the achievements of the late Gold Coast Councillor Sue Robbins who was passionate about youth endeavours. The award is now proudly sponsored by Griffith University and presented by the Gold Coast City Council and Women at Work International.

#### **Entrants will be judged on the following:**

- a) Your responses to the selection criteria in your written submission;
- b) Your responses to a series of questions asked at a panel interview, which will be conducted by the independent judging panel in late February (TBA). This interview should take no longer than half an hour and you will be advised of the time of your interview by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
- c) Your overall achievements as reflected in your resume and supporting documents.

## 5. OBLIGATION OF THE AWARD WINNER

The winner of the 2010 International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award may from time to time be asked to speak at youth events and be the ambassador for the 2011 International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award.

## 6. THE SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominees are required to complete the attached questionnaire on page 6-7.

**Please scan and attach the following supporting documentation to your questionnaire and email to the address details given in SUBMISSION SECTION 8.**

- a) An example of your school leadership and community achievements to date. E.g. Media Stories
- b) Any supporting documents you feel are relevant: eg written references, certificates of achievements, testimonials etc.
- c) A 30-word profile for use in presentation events, promotional activities and media releases. Written authority from your parent or guardian is required providing approval to publish and promote your achievements and use your photograph.
- d) A recent colour photo of you in PDF attached to your electronic submission for potential media use and publicity.

Helpful hints in writing your submission:

- Save this document to your computer and simply fill in the questionnaire and return to the Women at Work office to the email address supplied in SUBMISSION SECTION 8
- Ask someone to review your submission and give you feedback before actually submitting it.
- Prepare and submit in plenty of time.

The 2010 International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award, proudly sponsored by Griffith University will be presented to a young woman in a leadership role making a difference in her local and school community.

## 7. 2010 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FESTIVAL KEY DATES

30 <sup>th</sup> January	Youth submissions due by 5pm
Late February (TBC)	Youth Leadership Award nominees meet judging panel at a pre-arranged time at Griffith University
Late February (TBC)	Leadership Award nominees meet judging panel at a pre-arranged time at the Gold Coast Arts Centre
8 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2010 International Women's Day Youth Leadership Breakfast and Mentoring Forum – Paradise Room, Gold Coast Arts Centre – All nominees must attend</li> <li>• 2010 International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award Presentation Ceremony – Gold Coast Arts Centre</li> <li>• Mayor Ron Clarke MBE will announce award recipients and sponsors will present prizes and certificates</li> </ul>
12 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2010 International Women's Day Celebration Lunch</li> <li>• International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award Presentation Ceremony – Gold Coast Arts Centre</li> <li>• Mayor Ron Clarke MBE will announce award recipients and sponsors will present prizes and certificates</li> <li>• <b>Ticket bookings for parents and supporters are available for purchase at the Gold Coast Arts Centre bookings office - 07 5588 4000 from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010. For priority table allocations please complete the attached booking sheet and fax to 07 5561 1566 prior to 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2010</b></li> <li>• Nominee's tickets are complimentary on behalf of International Women's Day Festival Inc</li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup> March	The International Women's Day Training, Employment and Lifestyle Expo

### Ticket Bookings-

Parents and supporters of nominees can purchase tickets to the 2010 IWD Youth Leadership Award ceremony at the Gold Coast Arts Centre bookings office - 07 5588 4000 from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010.

For priority table allocations please complete the attached booking sheet and fax to 07 5561 1566 prior to 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

## 8. SUBMISSION

Submissions are to be forwarded via email to the International Women's Day Events Office by 5pm on **30<sup>th</sup> January 2010**.

### Email Address/ Formatting:

**RE:** Attention: Amy- 2010 IWD Youth Leadership Award Submission

Email: [iwd2010@womenatworkinternational.com](mailto:iwd2010@womenatworkinternational.com)

**Alternatively** you can access and fill out the nomination kit via the Women At Work website: [www.womenatworkinternational.com](http://www.womenatworkinternational.com)

**For further information please contact Amy at the Women at Work Event Team:**

Phone: (07) 5561 1477 Fax: (07) 5561 1566

*Consent:*

*I hereby attach a photo which may be used for publicity purposes with my parent's permission:*

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



**Nominee Submission Selection Criteria**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of submission: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

*Preferred Contact Details to arrange interview with judges:*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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School: \_\_\_\_\_

*In no more than 30 words per question please tell us about yourself:*

What is it about your leadership and your approach to mentoring that sets you apart as a high achiever?

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Describe your most significant achievement/s at your school and/or your community/voluntary endeavours. Think of how you personally contributed to these achievements in terms of your leadership, your ideas and your perseverance.

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What does female leadership mean to you?

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Tell us about a time where your mentoring qualities inspired someone within your community and/or your school.

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As a young female leader where do you see yourself in 5 years from now?

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Who would you say is your female role model and why?

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What issues in today's society are you passionate about?

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Media/Event Profile:

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