



The Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS) and Awards Victoria are running a pilot program called the **Emerging Young Leaders Program** for young Victorians who are emerging leaders.

### Who is the program for?

You can apply if you:

- are aged between 14 – 19 **and**
- identify as having a disability, being Deaf, neurodiverse and/or having lived experience of mental health issues.

30 young people can participate in the program.

### What is on offer?

- Grow your leadership and advocacy skills.
- Gain knowledge and confidence in leadership.
- Receive unique support to complete a Duke of Edinburgh or Bridge Award.

### What will I be doing?

- You'll be enrolled in The Duke of Edinburgh International Award (Duke of Ed) or Bridge Award.
- Take part in a series of 4 workshops designed with and for young people with disability. These workshops will support you to:
  - develop your understanding of self
  - develop your leadership, teamwork, communication and project skills
  - improve your understanding of access, inclusion and advocacy
  - learn from and work with other leaders with disability
- Your time spent in these workshops will go towards the hours you need to complete your Duke of Ed or Bridge Award
- The opportunity to continue on your leadership journey:
  - Connections to other organisations in your area of interest
  - Training and events with Awards Victoria and YDAS
  - Support in completing the rest of your Duke or Bridge Award

## About Duke of Ed and Bridge Award

The **Duke of Ed** is a youth program which empowers all young people, aged 14 – 25, to explore their full potential. To earn an Award you need to:

- learn a skill
- increase your fitness
- volunteer
- work in a team and try new things

You will be supported by Award Leaders, Assessors, Supervisors and Mentors.

The **Bridge Award** is a youth program which supports young people with disability, aged 14 and above. The program supports you to achieve your personal best by doing a range of activities.

**Awards Victoria** is the licensed Award Operator for The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and Bridge Award in Victoria.

## About YDAS

The Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS) is a state-wide advocacy organisation for young people with disability in Victoria. We are the only advocacy service in Australia which exists specifically to work directly with young people to achieve their human rights.

## How do I apply?

You can apply if you:

- are aged between 14 – 19 **and**
- identify as having a disability, being Deaf, neurodiverse and/or having lived experience of mental health issues.

You can contact Simon, YDAS Project Officer, via email, phone or social media to ask questions or apply.

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We will send you an application form and more information about the program.

**Applications close 16 February, 2019.**

