

# Young Tourism Leaders Program

2026-2027 Application Process



**QUEENSLAND  
TOURISM INDUSTRY  
COUNCIL**



## Overview

1. **Complete the [Expression of Interest \(EOI\) Form](#)**  
Provide your personal details, professional background, sector experience, and a short video introducing yourself, your career journey, and why you wish to become a Young Tourism Leader.
2. **Upload Supporting Documents (*all supporting documents are to be uploaded in the EOI form*)**
  - [Letter of Support signed by Employer](#)
  - Bio
  - Headshot
  - Current résumé
  - Upload 3-minute YouTube video:
    1. Introducing yourself,
    2. Your journey in the tourism industry,
    3. Why you believe that you should be selected as a Young Tourism Leader
3. **Meet the Eligibility Requirements**
  - Be between the age bracket of 18-35 years old.
  - [Have read the Program Guidelines.](#)
  - [Have read the Privacy Guidelines.](#)
  - Discussed your nomination for the Program with your employer and they are supportive of your participation in the program, if you were to be selected.
  - A minimum of three years' professional experience in tourism, with current employment in a business that directly services tourism visitors (e.g. hospitality, attractions, tours, events, accommodation, transport, marine) Demonstrated passion for mentoring, presenting, and inspiring young people.
  - Commitment to participating in program activities and engagements.
4. **Submit Your EOI**  
After submission, you will receive a confirmation acknowledging that your expression of interest has been submitted. The Review Panel will assess all EOIs against the selection criteria.
5. **Selection & Notification**  
Shortlisted nominees will be reviewed by the Review Panel. Successful Young Tourism Leaders will be notified and invited to complete onboarding and induction.



## Need Inspiration?

Explore success stories from past Young Tourism Leaders and others in the industry to discover the diverse sectors and career pathways we aim to showcase through the program. Explore their stories below.

- [Jimmy Baker, Chief Concierge at Emporium Hotel](#)
- [Mawgan Petersen, Chief Pilot at RaptAir](#)
- [Hanka Schweppe, Tour Guide at Riverlife Adventure Centre](#)
- [Kayla Ousley, Wildlife Education Manager at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary](#)
- [Bekki Hull, Marine Biologist at The Quicksilver Group](#)
- [Abigail Farrawell, Museum Coordinator at WWII Secret Base](#)
- [Julia Wardle, Business Development Manager at Emporium Hotel](#)
- [Courtney Symons, Stage Manager at Queensland Performing Arts Centre](#)
- [Lucas Eckersely, Venue Manager at Mr Percival's](#)
- [Bobby Calingasan, Guest Relations Manager at Emporium Hotel](#)
- [Blake Eccles, Adventure Instructor at Riverlife Adventure Centre](#)
- [Tessa Carey, Wildlife Attendant at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary](#)