

mercy foundation youth awards 2017 video competition

Details for Students

1. Introduction

The Mercy Foundation Youth Awards is a video competition open to students in years 10, 11 and 12 across Australia. The video competition will encourage you to develop your advocacy skills; to become more informed about social justice issues and to think about what action you and your community can take to help protect the rights of vulnerable people in our community.

2. Competition Details:

The theme for 2017 is:

Human Trafficking and Slavery in Australia.

Human trafficking and slavery includes: servitude, forced labour, deceptive recruiting for labour and services, forced marriage and debt bondage. It's hard to believe that some of these practices are happening in Australia today.

Your challenge is to develop a video campaign that:

- (a) Explores ONE of the following issues and
- (b) Includes a plan of action that you and your community can take to help address this issue.

The issues are:

- Human trafficking and slavery in **domestic servitude**
- Human trafficking and slavery in **restaurant work**
- Human trafficking and slavery in **agricultural work**

Human trafficking and slavery involves a number of illegal practices. Please ensure your entry considers one of these nominated issues only.

3. Work in a Group

We recommend you work in a group of 2 to 5 students. Entrants are not permitted to be members of more than one team. Each team can only submit one entry.

4. Safety First!!

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are students to enter, trespass or video private premises or commercial establishments or attempt to perform unsolicited interviews with persons unknown to them regarding human trafficking. Human trafficking is a criminal offence and students may be inadvertently placing themselves at risk if they attempt any of the above.

We recommend students act out scenarios and interviews in a safe environment, such as their school or home.

5. Important Dates

The closing date is midnight on 23 June 2017. Winners will be announced in the week commencing 18 September 2017.

6. Judging

The judging committee comprises staff and Board members of the Mercy Foundation and an expert on human trafficking and slavery. Entries will be judged according to their content, accuracy of information, creativity, originality, effort, quality, persuasiveness and overall visual presentation.



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7. Hints

When you are working on your video, please follow these hints:

- Unfortunately, there are many types of slavery that exist today. Please keep to one of the three focus areas.
- You may wish to interview your peers to ascertain whether they are aware of human trafficking and slavery taking place in Australia
- You might like to act out a day in the life of a person trapped in slavery
- You might consider what could the Australian Government do to reduce human trafficking and slavery

See www.mercyfoundation.com.au for details.

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8. Entries

- I. Video entries must be NO LONGER than 4 minutes and an entry form MUST accompany each entry.
- II. Note that each video entry must NOT contain any identifiable product or product logo other than the school's crest.
- III. Download the entry form on our website www.mercyfoundation.com.au or request one from youthawards@mercyfoundation.com.au.
- IV. By submitting an entry form, you acknowledge that you have read and accepted the Terms and Conditions for the Mercy Foundation Youth Awards 2017. The Terms and Conditions are available on our website, www.mercyfoundation.com.au
- V. The Entry Form requires a contact teacher to confirm that students in the group have media consent clearance (only needed if the student appears in the video) and that the work is original and made by the nominated students. Please ensure that the entry form is emailed to youthawards@mercyfoundation.com.au
- VI. Entries should be submitted electronically and use a format including but not limited to mp4, .mov and Quicktime movie.
- VII. Large entries can be submitted using file share sites such as Google Drive, Dropbox, wetransfer.com or wesendit.com. Where

applicable, the link should be included on the Entry Form. Files can be shared with the email youthawards@mercyfoundation.com.au. We prefer that you do not use youtube; if you do, you MUST use the privacy setting and share it with youthawards@mercyfoundation.com.au.

- VIII. Alternatively, post or deliver your entry on a DVD or USB to:
Mercy Foundation 40 Rocklands Road, Wollstonecraft NSW 2065.
- IX. If your video receives a place, you will be asked to provide Talent Release Forms for adults and students that feature in the video; a parent or guardian of students under 18 years will also need to sign the Talent Release Form.
- X. The Mercy Foundation will acknowledge all entries received. It is your responsibility to ensure that we have received your entry and entry form.

9. Important Dates

Competition opens:

Wednesday 26 April 2017

Competition closes

Midnight, Friday 23 June 2017

Winners announced week commencing
18 September 2017

Prizes

First Place:	\$700 will be shared by the winning group/s AND \$700 will be shared by the winning school/s*
Second Prize:	\$350 will be shared by the winning student group/s AND \$350 will be shared by the winning school/s*
Third Prize:	\$200 will be shared by the winning student group/s AND \$200 will be shared by the winning school/s*

* There may be more than one winner in each category; in that case, winners will share the prize money.