



Details for Teachers

Open to students across Australia
in Years 7 - 12

The Mercy Foundation

The Mercy Foundation is committed to social justice and structural change to create greater social equity and inclusion in the Australian community. The Mercy network is working to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking through addressing root causes, raising awareness and lobbying to change related policies, whilst ensuring there is national legislation in place to protect, facilitate justice for, and offer full support to survivors of trafficking or slavery.

Purpose of the Mercy Youth Awards

Each year, the Mercy Youth Awards encourages students gain an understanding of social justice issues in Australia and how we can work to address these issues. This year our focus is on modern slavery. This unit can be incorporated into parts of the syllabus including English, Art and RE Studies.

2. Competition Details

The theme for 2020 is "**Freedom: ending modern slavery**". Your challenge is to:

- 1) take a photo expressly created for the competition that explores the idea of **freedom** and includes a **house key**. The house key cannot be digitally added to the photo but must be included in the original composition. The house key need not be the focus of the image, but rather a demonstration that the photo was taken especially for the competition.
- 2) Each entry must include a written paragraph (no longer than 100 words) that explains how your photo explores the idea of **freedom**.
- 3) **AND** complete the **modern slavery** online quiz and entry form.

The online entry form is available on our website www.mercyfoundation.com.au. Our website provides information about **Modern Slavery** in Australia. This information is the basis for the questions in the quiz.

3. Important Notes:

- ✓ Only one entry per person
- ✓ An entrant is an individual student
- ✓ Photo must include a house key
- ✗ **Strictly no faces to feature in the image**
- ✗ **No stereotypical images of people experiencing slavery**
- ✗ No brand names or logos

Important Dates

Competition opens: **Monday 27 April 2020**
Competition closes: **Friday 3 July 2020**
Winners notified by: **Mid August 2020**

Judging

The judging committee comprises staff and Board members of the Mercy Foundation. Entries will be assessed according to the accuracy of quiz answers and the creativity, originality, effort, content and quality of both the photo and written content.

The school that submits the most entries will win \$250. Please encourage your students to participate!

ENTRIES

1. Entries must consist of a photograph uploaded with the online entry form. The online entry form is available on our website www.mercyfoundation.com.au
2. Photographs should be a maximum of 2MB and in the format of a JPEG, GIF or PNG. JPEG is the preferred format. A PDF will also be accepted.
3. Photos should be saved using student's name and school e.g. *SmithH_SydneyHigh.jpeg*
4. If for any reason you are unable to use our online entry form, please contact us by email youthawards@mercyfoundation.com.au or call 02 9911 7390 and we will send you an entry form to fill in.
5. By submitting an entry, you acknowledge that you have read and accepted the Terms and Conditions for the Mercy Foundation Youth Awards 2019. The Terms and Conditions are available on our website www.mercyfoundation.com.au
6. The photo and entry must be the student's original work created for the competition.
7. The Mercy Foundation will acknowledge all entries received. It is your responsibility to ensure that we have received your entry.
8. Photographs may be exhibited at a public event later this year. More information will be provided closer to the event.

For more information please call the Mercy Foundation on 02 9911 7390 or email youthawards@mercyfoundation.com.au

PRIZES

1st Prize: \$700 will be awarded to the winning entrant & \$700 will be awarded to the winning entrant's school

2nd Prize: \$350 will be awarded to the winning entrant & \$350 will be awarded to the winning entrant's school

3rd Prize: \$200 will be awarded to the winning entrant & \$200 will be awarded to the winning entrant's school

\$50 vouchers will be awarded to the next top 10 highly commended entries as selected by the judges.

\$250 will be awarded to the school that submits the most entries.

Schools are requested to spend their money on social justice resources and/or activities to promote social justice in your school and/or a charity addressing social justice issues in Australia.

Note that more than one winner may be awarded in each place. If this is the case, the prize money will be shared between the winning entrants and the winning schools.

The total Prize pool is \$3,250.