

Position Description – Sponsorship Officer

Portfolio	Parliamentary
Positions available	1
Time commitment	2 hours per week (Please note this may vary by 2-3 hours depending on the time of year)
Position Reports To	Senior Coordinator – Parliamentary
Roles supervised by this position	N/A
Applications close	5:00PM AWST Monday 8 th January
Application link	https://bit.ly/TaskforceApplication

Purpose of Position

This role is primarily responsible for assisting Youth Members to obtain sponsorship to either partially or fully cover their program fees and any other costs associated with participating in the program.

Who we are looking for:

The following responsibilities will need to be demonstrated in the application period to be considered for Taskforce:

1. **Organisational abilities:** We are looking for someone who is organised and proactive, with an emphasis on keeping on top of workloads and meeting deadlines.
2. **Teamwork and leadership:** We are looking for someone who can work effectively with others and develop new ideas in collaboration with the rest of the team.
3. **Professional ambassadorship:** We are looking for someone who can conduct themselves professionally throughout the program, including when engaging with stakeholders, participants, staff and other volunteers.
4. **A commitment to young people:** We are looking for someone who is passionate about working with young people and wants to create a safe environment for our participants to thrive. All successful Taskforce members must be willing to obtain a Working with Children Check and undergo a Police Check, and must ensure they are always upholding safeguarding requirements.

The following are not mandatory but are desired qualities:

1. Political knowledge and familiarity with parliamentary processes
2. Residential camping experience
3. Facilitation experience for small and large audiences
4. Experience in program development and design
5. Experience in online facilitation and logistics.

You must be over 18 years old by 1 March 2024 and reside within Western Australia.

Your Volunteer Rights

- To work in a healthy and safe environment
- To be engaged in accordance with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination legislation
- To be adequately covered by insurance
- To be given accurate and truthful information about the organisation for which you are working
- To be given a copy of the organisation's volunteer policy and any other relevant policies/procedures
- Not to fill a position previously held by a paid worker
- Not to do the work of paid staff during industrial disputes
- To have clarity of the requirements of the responsibilities and working hours
- To be provided with orientation to the organisation
- To have your confidential and personal information dealt with in accordance with the principles of the Privacy Act 1988
- To be provided with sufficient training to undertake tasks
- Say 'no' when you cannot commit to a task.

Your Volunteer Responsibilities

- Be reliable
- Respect confidentiality
- Be accountable
- Be committed to the organisation
- Undertake training as requested
- Ask for support when you need it
- Value and support other team members
- Carry out the work you have agreed to do responsibly and ethically
- Notify the organisation as soon as possible of absences
- Adhere to policies and procedures
- Look after your own health and safety
- Not do anything that will harm you or those around you.

Commitment Expectations

As a member of Taskforce, you must be able to meet the following expectations of the 2024 program:

- Attend monthly Taskforce meetings, dates to be confirmed at the first Taskforce meeting
- Attend team meetings, to be arranged and confirmed after appointment
- Ensure all communication is appropriate and timely
- Complete all work assigned and agreed to at a professional and timely standard
- Attend the following program commitments:
 - Taskforce Training – Saturday 20th January and Saturday 2nd March
 - Participant Training Days – Saturday 20nd April, Saturday 25th May and Saturday 22nd June
 - Residential Camp – Sunday 7th July – Friday 12th July
- Complete a MEL feedback interview, which will conclude your Taskforce obligations.

What You Will Get Out of It

As a Y WA Youth Parliament Taskforce volunteer, you will be provided:

- Be part of a program that seeks to empower and inspire young people
- See the impact you can have on young people you work with
- Complete Mental Health First Aid and First Aid qualifications
- Develop your professional and interpersonal skills in a workplace environment
- Participate in comprehensive training around facilitation, teamwork, and leadership
- Access to the Y WA's Employee Assistance Program.

Duties & Responsibilities

General Duties

- Provide support to Youth Members to contact and liaise with their respective Member(s) of Parliament, schools and community organisations that may offer sponsorship
- Act as a point of contact for Youth Members to discuss any difficulties they are having in obtaining sponsorship and/or paying their fees, including financial hardship
- Refer all participant queries about outstanding/paid payments to the Y Accounts department, including the Program Coordinator in all correspondence and updating them regularly
- Work with the Y Accounts team and the Program Coordinator to discuss payment plans for participants who are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to pay their fees on time
- Develop and distribute information and resources about obtaining sponsorship to Youth Members, including updating relevant pages in the training booklet prior to Training Day 1
- Provide information to participants about the regional scholarship process and oversee the selection of successful candidates, with the assistance of the Program Coordinator
- In assistance with the Program Coordinator, look for grants and other funding opportunities to assist Youth Members from regional, remote or financially disadvantaged backgrounds
- Assist Youth Members to obtain items to aid their participation in the program including suits for parliament and internet access for bill writing, with the support of the Program Coordinator
- Provide a report of recent activities at each Taskforce meeting
- Provide support and assistance to the Senior Coordinator Parliamentary as required

Advisor Duties

- Initiate and maintain contact with members of your committee throughout the program
- Guide your committee through the brainstorming, research, ideas development and writing stages of the Bill and amendment process (including using correct Bill format)
- Work to ensure your committee works collaboratively and cohesively, and ask for help from other Taskforce members or the Program Coordinator as required
- Take responsibility for the selection of your committee's supporting and refuting ministers

Duties during YP Camp

- Oversee the distribution of resources allocated to Youth Members including formalwear for parliament, camping supplies and access to technology
- Advise the Program Coordinator of any MPs wishing to meet their Youth Member on camp and where appropriate to do so, facilitate this process during Parliament meal breaks
- Participate in all rosters of Taskforce duties as required
- Provide support and assistance to fellow Taskforce members and Y staff as required

DISCLAIMER: *The information contained in this position description is intended to describe in general the nature and level of work being performed by the volunteer in the assigned position and is not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, or skills required. From time to time, the volunteer may be required to perform duties outside of their normal responsibilities as required and as directed.*

Selection Criteria

- Strong communication skills and a high level of email etiquette
- Ability to regularly check emails and answer phone calls (every second day)
- Passion for engaging disadvantaged young people in the Youth Parliament program
- Ability (or willingness to develop the skills required) to complete all duties as listed above
- Excellent proficiency in Microsoft Office, or willingness to develop
- National Police Clearance and Working with Children Check (or willingness to obtain).