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## **APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 AT 10AM.**

The State Membership Services Committee are calling for expressions of interest from members interested in being a Leader or Mentor at Queensland's 2025 Youth Excellence Program to be held 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September 2025. This year the program is being held at Kindilan PGL Camp, Redlands Bay QLD 4165.

**NOTE: Leaders and Mentors must be available to attend the induction session on FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025. Timing and location information will be advised upon acceptance of position.**

### What is it all about?

The Youth Excellence Program provides an opportunity for youth members to be exposed to the many different elements of Surf Life Saving. This program is designed to provide youth with knowledge and experience while allowing them to develop skills in a wide range of activities in an enjoyable and stimulating environment. It is structured to develop participation, confidence, and foundational leadership in all participants and leaders, as well as introducing the participants to various roles in Surf Life Saving.

The program will consist of activities that include:

- Lifesaving Skills
- Team Building
- Leadership
- Communication and Networking Skills
- Health and Fitness
- Resilience

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## What does being a Leader or Mentor Involve?

We don't want to overwhelm you with the responsibilities of a Leader or Mentor but here is an overview of what the program will entail for you. For a full role description please refer to the SLSQ Website.

- Ensure that participants abide by all the rules that have been set out for the program and provide a safe environment for participants.
- Encourage maximum participation and comradeship between the participants within your group.
- Ensure timely arrival of your group at each session as set out in the program and assist with the preparation and packing away of gear for all activities.
- Promote the ideals of Surf Life Saving Queensland and be a role model to all participants.

There may be some late nights and early mornings across the weekend to make sure everything is set up and ready to go for the day, but it will all be worth it when you see the growth and development in the participants. Leaders will be guided by a Mentor who has considerable leadership experience to mentor the leader through the experience of a SLSQ development program, so there will always be someone there as support.

## Who can Apply:

Minimum requirements must be met. Candidates must:

- Be 18 years or over;
- Hold a valid Queensland Working with Children check/Blue Card/Exemption Notice;
- Be a current financial member of a Queensland affiliated Surf Life Saving Club;
- Show leadership qualities, and most importantly, a good rapport with youth
- Must be able to attend the entire camp (from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 + the additional leaders day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup>)

## How much will it cost?

**Leaders and Mentors will be charged \$175.00 (GST exclusive).** Please note that Leaders or Mentors who withdraw their application after they have been notified as successful and have accepted the position, will be invoiced for the full amount of the program. You must ensure you've spoken to your Club about your application prior to acceptance, as we do seek endorsement from Clubs and Branches before deciding upon an applicant.

If you think you have what it takes to step up and be a positive role model to the Youth within Surf Life Saving, we would love to hear from you. For members wanting to apply for a leadership or mentor position, complete the application form via the following link: [2025 YEP Leader & Mentor Application](#)

## Questions?

If you have any queries, please contact SLSQ Membership Officer –Development, Sarah Fettell on 0417 323 357 or [sfettell@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:sfettell@lifesaving.com.au)