

Young Folk Artists of the Year Awards

Terms and Conditions – 2026 Awards

1. These awards are offered annually by the Folk Federation of NSW – ABN 94 115 759 221, hereafter called FFNSW.
2. By applying applicants agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. Any instructions relating to the awards on the FFNSW website form part of these Terms and Conditions.
3. The FFNSW may at its discretion refuse the award to any applicant who fails to comply with these Terms and Conditions.

ELIGIBILITY

4. These awards are open to young musicians presenting solo or group performance of song and/or music in a folk style. They are not applicable to companies or organisations.
5. Applicants must be residents of NSW and aged under 25 years (Senior Award) and under 19 years (Junior Award) on 20 July 2026
6. Applicants must be able to travel or, if under 18 years, be accompanied by a parent or guardian to and from any concert, audition or event associated with these awards at their own cost. Neither FFNSW nor its insurers are responsible for any accident, event or condition arising out of travel to such events.
7. Any committee member of the FFNSW, any person associated with organising these awards, or a family member of any of these is not eligible to apply.
8. All applicants under 18 years of age must obtain the permission of a parent or guardian before submitting their application. The parent or guardian must state in writing that they have read and agree to these terms and conditions.
9. Applicants under 19 years may also apply in the under 25 years category however, applicants are only eligible to receive one award in any year.
10. Applicants who have received an award in any previous year are ineligible to reapply for the same award in subsequent years.
11. Applicants who have received the Under 19 years award in any previous year are eligible to apply for the Under 25 years award in any subsequent year.

APPLICATION PERIOD

12. Applications for the awards will open on Monday 20 July and close at 11:59 pm AEST on Sunday 23 August 2026 unless otherwise advised by FFNSW. FFNSW reserves the right to extend the closing date or cancel the award at any time for whatever reason, at its discretion.
13. Applications received after the closing date will be deemed invalid. No responsibility is accepted for late, lost, delayed, incomplete or misdirected applications.

HOW TO APPLY

14. Applicants must complete and submit the online application form which is accessed from the FFNSW website: www.folkfednsw.org.au In doing so applicants agree to these terms

and conditions and, that they have read all the relevant information pertaining to these awards.

15. Applicants may only apply once in the same award category in any year. Applicants can reapply in subsequent years but cannot resubmit performance material that has been previously submitted.

YOUR APPLICATION

16. To be eligible for an award applicants must include at least one video (or link to YouTube or similar) of themselves performing in their chosen folk style.
17. It is the responsibility of the applicant to seek permission from the copyright holders, if they think it necessary, for any song words or music performed.
18. Successful applicants must provide a suitable photo image (minimum 300 dpi) and consent to FFNSW using this image in the promotion of the award.
19. Decisions of FFNSW and its selection panel are confidential and final and will be binding on each person who applies for an award.
20. Each award includes \$500, mentoring, recording and performance opportunities.
21. All applicants may be invited to perform at FFNSW MOFO events and at other showcases of the FFNSW.
22. All applicants are required to provide their own public liability insurance for any performances public or otherwise in which they participate in association with the Awards or organised, prompted or facilitated by FFNSW. In case of hardship or other circumstances FFNSW may at their discretion provide funds for such insurance if requests for same are presented to FFNSW before being incurred.