



*Recognising Young Men
Who Give Back To Our Community*

Finding our Best Catches

2009 APPLICATION FORM

**Applications close
5pm
31st July, 2009**

**Send applications to
info@bestcatch.com.au**



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foundation



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for enquiring about Illawarra's Best Catch 2009.

Best Catch Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation which empowers young men aged 18-24 years old to positively contribute to our local community through volunteering.

We want to celebrate and recognise your commitment to our community. With only 1% of young men in the Illawarra volunteering (yes that's right), our community needs to know who you are, and together we can help break negative stereotypes about young men that might affect you.

Through your volunteering efforts, you are not only being a proactive leader among your peers, you are also helping to shape and improve our local community. We would love to help you to increase your leadership skills through many of the opportunities we offer through our Illawarra's Best Catch Campaign including enhancing your personal and professional development, mentoring and helping us to inspire other young men in the area to take up volunteering and improve on that 1% statistic.

We encourage you to apply and not to feel shy about being profiled. Applications close 31th July, 2009. If you have any questions or want to chat about entering, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

Best Catch Foundation Team

ILLAWARRA'S BEST CATCH 2009

Now in its fourth year, Illawarra's Best Catch is an awards dinner that acknowledges and celebrates the contributions young men make to our community. No matter who you are, as long as you give time and effort to enhance our local region, nothing can stop you from shining in our quest to find Illawarra's Best Catch – the male who has the most to offer our community.

This will be your opportunity to take part in a celebration just for males on your character, comradeship and community spirit. It is your chance to have fun - and make a difference in your community at the same time. This event, held on **31st October at City Beach Function Centre**, will celebrate your commitment and volunteering efforts to our community.

All guests who attend will enjoy a three course meal, complimentary drinks and to support you as you break negative stereotypes about young men.

To be a finalist fill out this application form

Once completed send to:

Email: info@bestcatch.com.au

OR

Post: Best Catch Foundation

PO Box 1363

Wollongong NSW 2500

General Information

1. Entry is free. Please refer to Eligibility Section to see who qualifies to enter.
2. Entries close 31st July, 2009. Completed application forms can be submitted to either info@bestcatch.com.au or PO Box, 1363, Wollongong NSW 2500.
3. Finalists will be contacted for an interview after 21st August, 2009 .
4. Illawarra's Best Catch Dinner will take place on 31st October, 2009 at City Beach Function Centre.
5. Finalists will participate in three entertaining and interactive segments on stage.
6. Previous years winners and finalists can be viewed at www.bestcatch.com.au

Eligibility

Conditions of Entry

1. Candidates must be a male aged between 18-24 years old as of 31st December, 2009.
2. Candidates must currently be volunteering for a not-for-profit organisation or within a community project.
3. Candidates must reside within the Illawarra and have been so for the last 12 months.
4. Candidates must have a zest for life and an interest for helping charities.
5. Candidates must be able to set some time out of their schedules for any preparation days including rehearsals, photo shoot and film/documentary making.
6. Candidates must not have been a finalist for Illawarra's Best Catch in previous years.

What You Will Gain

1. To feature on the website www.bestcatch.com.au
2. Photo shoot as part of our promotional campaign.
3. One-on-One Life Coaching Session with Advanced Coaching Solutions before the event.
4. Toast Masters Training leading up to Illawarra's Best Catch.
5. The potential to be a representative for the media.
6. A trophy and certificate of your participation in Illawarra's Best Catch 2009.
7. To meet and network with other young men and sponsors of the event.
8. Complimentary Suit Hire for the Illawarra's Best Catch event
9. Plus much more...

Segments

DOCUMENTARY ON YOUR VOLUNTEERING

This segment will show the audience and judges all your volunteering activities. This 2 minute documentary will highlight which organisations you volunteer for and any extra projects you are a part of. Best Catch Foundation can assist you with filming and editing your documentary.

STEREOYPING CHALLENGE

This segment is your chance to show the audience the myths or misconceptions behind stereotypes and generalizations about young men that affect you. You have the influence to challenge stereotypes and to give the audience and judges new ways to think of young men within our community.

JUDGES QUESTIONS

What we love about ethics in philosophy is that there is not necessarily a right or wrong answer, but it provokes many thoughts and questions. In this section, there will be no morally correct answers that the judges expect to hear (that's right, it wont be about world peace). Instead it will be 2 questions that will test your thoughts and your ability to justify your answer.

SPEECH ON AN ISSUE YOUR PASSIONATE ABOUT

This is your chance to present to the audience and judges an issue or topic within the Illawarra that you are passionate about. Whether a concern, or a cultural pattern that you see emerging locally, we want you to create a 3 minute speech highlighting what concerns to you. This is your opportunity to give us an insight into what young men feel on specific issues within the community.

How do you describe yourself in five words that do not contain the letter A?

What is your favourite motto/quote?

What do you hope to achieve within your lifetime?

What stereotypes about young males do you think are inaccurate or unfair?

What is your message to the youth in the Illawarra?

Who do you admire and why?

Please select which four segments you wish to participate in if you were to be selected as a finalist

- Documentary On Your Volunteering**
- Stereotyping Challenge**
- Judges Questions**
- Speech On An Issue Your Passionate About**

TERMS and CONDITIONS

APPLICATION

1. Failure to consent to use of photographs for promotional material could see ineligibility of candidate. Best Catch Foundation Ltd reserves the right to use any photographs or official statements of candidates for the purposes of promotion after the event.
2. Candidate is required to disclose any past behaviours or activities that contradict the values and core objectives of Best Catch Foundation Ltd and Illawarra's Best Catch.
3. Candidate must declare in initial application form any segments in which they oppose to participate in.
4. Illawarra's Best Catch requires the written consent of candidates preferences for segments for the evening.

CANCELLATION & TERMINATION

5. Candidate is required to notify Best Catch Foundation in writing the cancellation of application.
6. Candidates are unable to withdraw their position as a finalist within 21 days of the event unless due to an extraordinary reason.

CANDIDATE CONDUCT

7. Best Catch Foundation Ltd resumes the right to disqualify a candidate or cancel an application for anti-social or unlawful behaviour leading up to the night of Illawarra's Best Catch.
8. Candidates are dismissed from alcohol consumption or drug-taking on the night of Illawarra's Best Catch, before or during any Illawarra's Best Catch activity or event.
9. Candidates are required to act at all times with the highest conduct while participating in any Illawarra's Best Catch event or activity.

THE EVENT

10. Best Catch Foundation Ltd is not liable or held responsible for the final results of the competition.
11. The decisions of the judging panel are final and must be accepted.
12. Candidates are required to participate in all segments selected by the final candidates for the evening. Failure to participate in a segment without genuine justification could result in loss of points or disqualification.

I have read and understood the entry conditions for Illawarra's Best Catch 2009 and agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____