

## Volunteer Expression of Interest Form

YAC provides legal services, youth support and family support assistance and services to young people generally aged 10 to 18 years (inclusive) who live in or around the greater Brisbane region, particularly those who are involved in, or are at risk of involvement in, the youth justice and/or the child protection systems; and/or are homeless or at risk of homelessness (up to 25).

Become a volunteer and gain experience in the youth advocacy space. To apply, please complete the details below and email this form to [admin@yac.net.au](mailto:admin@yac.net.au) or submit via our website at [www.yac.net.au](http://www.yac.net.au)

Full name:

Email address:

Phone number:

University or learning institute:

Course:

Year of study in this course (e.g. 1st, 2nd):

Previous experience:

Current availability (i.e. days and hours per day):

YAC Programs of interest:

Bail Order Support Service

Family Support Service

Legal Advocacy

Youth Support Service

Youth Court Assistance

Administration

Bribie Island Project

If you are interested in legal advocacy, do you have any areas of particular interest:

Why are you interested in volunteering for YAC?

Signature:

Date:

**Please note:**

- We welcome all applications, however, due to numbers, may not be able to accommodate all volunteers.
- All volunteers are required to hold a current blue card or the ability to apply for one.

**Young people achieve their full potential through the community accepting collective responsibility for their importance, empowerment, rights, well-being and humanity.**

## Our Mission

To increase young people's access to legal and social justice by actively supporting and speaking out, with and for young people.

## Our Philosophy

YAC's work is underpinned by the following core values:

- An unconditional commitment to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Confidential, professional and honest engagement with young people
- Respectful engagement with stakeholders and others, for the benefit of young people
- Providing holistic responses to address the interconnected and interdependent issues in young people's lives
- Advocacy for young people, both collectively and individually
- Collective responsibility for working as a team to uphold and achieve YAC's mission and vision

## Our Objectives

- 1** To support and advocate for the legal needs and rights of disadvantaged and/or vulnerable young people.

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- 2** To support and advocate for disadvantaged and/or vulnerable young people involved in, or at risk of involvement in, legal systems or other processes in relation to their social welfare needs.

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- 3** To enable young people, families, and workers with young people, to better understand the law and the legal system as it is relevant to them.

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- 4** To support the development of a socio-legal system that is more responsive and appropriate to the needs of young people and which takes account of their developmental and situational issues and Australia's international obligations.

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- 5** To provide and maintain high quality support and advocacy services to young people.