



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Organisers of the National Carer Awards (Awards) are Life Without Barriers and Carers Australia.
2. Entry is open to all residents of Australia except for paid employees of Life Without Barriers, Carers Australia or members of their families. Members of the judging panel or members of their families or their immediate employees are also ineligible for nomination.
3. The Awards will be judged by a panel of judges appointed by the Organisers. The decisions of the judging panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
4. The Awards commence on 27/07/2015 and final entries close at 11.59pm AEST on 06/09/2015.
5. Judging will be held between 07/09/2015 and 30/09/2015.
6. The Awards are open to the following four categories of carer:
 - a. Foster/Kinship carers:
 - i. Foster Carers being people who voluntarily care for children and young people in our community who are unable to live in their own home, irrespective of whether that may be for a few days or until a child becomes an adult. Foster carer is a form of out-of-home care where the caregiver is authorised and reimbursed (or was offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory responsible for the care of the child. There are varying degrees of reimbursement made to foster carers (Australian Institute of Health and welfare).
 - ii. Kinship carers being a caregiver who is a relative (other than parents), considered to be family or a close friend, a member of the child's or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) and who is reimbursed by the state/territory for the care of the child (or who has been offered but declined reimbursement. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, a kinship carer may be another Indigenous person who is a member of their community, a compatible community or from the same language group (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare).
 - b. Young carers under 26 years of age who provide unpaid care and support to a family member and/or friend who has a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, acquired brain injury, degenerative or terminal illness or who is frail aged (Carers Australia).
 - c. Family Carers (carer providing support to a family member or friend, no age specification) who provide care and support to a family member or a friend who has a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, acquired brain injury, degenerative or terminal illness or who is frail aged (Carers Australia).
 - d. Carers in the country must be located in rural and remote areas across Australia and provide unpaid care to a person who requires care and support. The carer's primary location must be within the rural zones of R2 (urban centre population 10,000-24,999) and R3 (urban centre population <10,000) or remote zones of Rem1 (urban centre population >4,999) and Rem 2 (urban centre population <5,000) (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare).

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7. Carers who receive carer related payments from the Department of Human Services are eligible. However, carers in paid employment for their caring role are excluded from nominations
8. The national winner in each of the above four Award categories will be awarded a cash prize the amount of which is to be determined by the Organisers and published on the dedicated National Carer Awards website.
9. Prizes are at the Organiser's discretion and subject to change without notice.
10. To the extent permitted by law the Organisers or any third party involved in the Awards from time to time, including sponsors, Awards partners, and prize providers make no representations or warranties as to the amount or suitability of the prize/s and the Organiser will not be liable for loss or damage, including personal injury, suffered whilst a winner uses goods or services purchased using the prize money.
11. Nominees for Awards will be asked to sign a disclaimer form to confirm the use of information, images and relevant footage for public purposes, including media, social media and publications. In the case of foster carers, and other minors, the privacy of children in care will be protected at all times and names and identifying information about children will not be published. Nominees and nominators agree to assign any rights they hold (including but not limited to copyright, moral rights and common law rights) in any photographic, written or recorded material (including written and photographic) submitted to the Organisers. Materials created with information about nominators or nominees may be used for an unlimited duration of time to promote only the National Carer Awards.
12. All nominations, including photographs and images become the property of the Organisers. The collection, use and disclosure of personal information provided in connection with the Awards is governed by the Organisers' Privacy Policies a copy of which is available by emailing a request to carerawards@lwb.org.au.
13. Nominations for the Awards must be made via the Organisers' official nomination form available on the official National Carer Awards website www.carerawards.com.au or via hard copy to Level 6, 107 Pitt Street, Sydney, 2000. Nominations close at 11.59 pm AEST, 6 September 2015 and must include:
 - All contact information for the nominator, Nominee and referee(s); and
 - Information about the nominated carer in all sections.
14. The referee(s) should be another person aside from the nominator, who is over eighteen (18) years, not related to or living with the nominee and who has known the nominee for one year or more. They must be available to be contacted as part of the judging process and must be able to answer further questions about the nomination. Full contact details for the referee must be submitted as part of the nomination.
15. The Organisers, Award partners and prize providers accept no responsibility for any expenses, personal or otherwise, including room upgrades or additional guests or passengers of any finalist or their guest other than economy airfares and accommodation associated with the national announcement (scheduled February 2016) for each state and territory finalist and one guest only. The Organisers may at their sole discretion directly cover or reimburse in part or in full the nominee for reasonable travel expenses associated with attending the State/Territory finalists event from within the Australian state or territory in which the announcement occurs.
16. Travel provided by Organisers to the State/Territory and National events are from within Australia only.
17. Finalists and their guest will be required to present their credit card at the time of check in at accommodation to cover all incidentals they may incur during their stay at the hotel.



18. The Organisers reserve the right to verify the eligibility of nominations (including but not limited to a nominee's identity, age, place of residence, police checks, and reference checks) and to disqualify any entrant for tampering with the nomination process or for submitting a nomination, not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions of entry. Failure by the Organisers to enforce any of their rights at any stage of the Awards does not constitute a waiver of those rights.
19. For the purpose of determining whether a nomination meets eligibility requirements, the Organisers may contact a nominee, nominator, or referee at any time after receiving a nomination.
20. Nominees must authorise and direct the Federal Police Service and all other police services to release criminal antecedents of the nominees to the Organisers and/or their nominated legal representatives.
21. State and Territory finalists, where available, are expected to attend the State/Territory event (November 2015) in the capital city of their respective Australian state or territory and to travel to attend the National Awards event (scheduled February 2016).
22. State and territory finalists will be notified by phone call.
23. Nominators will make the nominees aware of the Terms and Conditions of entry contained herein and published on www.carerawards.com.au and obtain from the nominee all necessary authorisations, consents, documents and undertakings to meet the Terms and Conditions of entry as required by the Organisers.
24. The nominator and nominee releases the Organisers from all claims, demands, suits, judgments, cross claims and set-offs, including any claim in negligence arising out of or incidental to the conduct of the Awards and hereby indemnifies the Organisers from any claim, including any claim in negligence initiated by the nominator, nominee or any third party.
25. No responsibility will be accepted for late, lost, incomplete, or misdirected entries. All entries are deemed to be received at the time of receipt into the Organisers' systems.
26. Any costs associated with accessing the Organisers' website is the nominator's responsibility. Any contact details entered incorrectly on the nomination entry form shall be deemed invalid.
27. Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.
28. Awards will not be granted posthumously.
29. The Organisers reserve the right to withdraw and terminate a nomination or Award at any time during the Awards process if further information as to the nominee's suitability or appropriateness or the nominee's conduct draws or is likely to draw the Awards into disrepute, including after the finalists and winners have been announced. The Organisers will not be liable for loss or damages incurred by the nominee or nominator as a result of the Organisers' decision to withdraw or terminate a nomination or Award.
30. If for any reason these Awards are not able to run, including due to infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the Organisers which corrupt or affect the administration security, fairness or integrity or proper conduct of this Promotion, the Organisers reserve the right in their sole discretion (subject to all relevant State and Territory regulations) to cease the Award with fair notification to the entrants. The form of such notification is at the complete discretion of the Organisers.

