



An initiative auspiced by Townsville City Council and the Philip Leong Family

"Investing in tomorrows business leaders"

Who is Philip Leong?

Philip Leong arrived in Townsville in 1936 as an immigrant from China and took up Australian citizenship and a North Queensland way of life with great enthusiasm. He was among the early Australian pioneers of self-service supermarkets and made a major contribution to the commercial and economic development of the Townsville region over a period of more than 60 years. His many and varied business enterprises created employment for thousands of citizens and maintained the highest standards of business ethics and service.

He was generous in his support of community-based organisations. He led by example in a pleasant but humble manner and won respect as a model citizen. Philip helped to mould a multi-cultural community in Townsville based on mutual respect for people of differing ethnic backgrounds.

He received an Order of Australia Medal for his financial support to various community groups including several school P&C organisations, sporting associations and other charities. Mr Leong sadly passed away in 1999 and was well recognised for his contribution to the Townsville community. In 2000, Mr Leong was posthumously awarded the Townsville District, Citizen of the Century.

Invitation to Young People of Townsville

The Philip Leong Youth Programme Committee would like to invite residents within the Townsville region under 27 to apply for the Philip Leong Youth Programme.

The Philip Leong Advisory Committee were instrumental in creating the Philip Leong Youth Programme to give young people a chance to achieve their best, for the benefit of the Townsville community. Each year, we are looking to give support to young people who exhibit the potential and desire to further their talents, but who may without assistance struggle.

We have more than one category available of up to \$10,000 for young individuals - there is a scholarship to assist with the cost of study, rent, tutoring and textbooks, or there is also a bursary available for a young person looking at furthering their talents to assist with their personal development in a business start-up grant. We are looking for young people who embody the spirit of Philip Leong who, with the support of this grant, can further assist the Townsville community and contribute to the business growth of the region.

The Philip Leong Youth Programme is available to all young people up to the age of 27 who are living in the Townsville region, and they must be citizens or permanent residents of Australia. Applicants are assessed on their individual talent and applications, regardless of their personal or family's financial standing or background, so all young people are encouraged to apply. You can apply for any amount from \$500 up to \$10,000 depending on financial assistance required.

Applications close 30th October 2021

Further information and application forms can be found online at www.philipleong.com.au

Criteria for Applications

- Applications for the 2021 Programme are being taken from people who are residents of the Townsville City Council region.
- Applicants must be up to age 27 years as of 31 December, 2021.
- Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- Applicants can be studying at any local secondary school, university, or institute of further education or can be privately employed or self-employed.
- Scholarship recipients will be required to clearly identify how the scholarship money will be used.
- Applications may be made on behalf of a young person or by a young person themselves.
- Applicants may only apply for one scholarship per year.
- Unsuccessful nomination applications will not be returned - applicants are advised to keep copies for their own records.
- Applications must be supported by at least one reliable referee, who will be asked to confirm the talent or skill of the person nominated. Application forms must include full contact details for the referee. The person nominating cannot be the referee.
- The advisory committee will provide confirmation of receipt of an application form for the Philip Leong Youth Programme.
- On the application form, nominators are required to outline truthfully any financial assistance provided to the nominee by government or non-government agencies. No means test will apply to applicants however the financial position of an applicant may be a consideration taken into account by the Selection Committee.
- The decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Terms and Conditions may be updated at any time and without notice.

Completing an Application

You can download and complete the Application online at www.philipleong.com.au/application

Please ensure that all applications are accompanied with a Nominee or Referee. This can be someone such as a Teacher, a Family Friend, Lecturer, Employer or Career Development Advisor.

Please ensure to complete the application form in full and submit it via mail to

The Advisory Committee
The Philip Leong Youth Programme
PO Box 3084
Hermit Park QLD 4812

Or email at applications@philipleong.com.au

Application Assistance

Students will have access to free grant writing workshops from Townsville City Council via e-mail communitygrants@townsville.qld.gov.au or Gerard Byrne who can be contacted via email suncity@beyond.net.au or mobile 0438 704 870.

If students need assistance with writing a draft business plan to attach to a bursary application, Angelo Coco from Family Business Support is offering free consultations, please email angelo@fambizsupport.com.au or contact his office on 07 4728 2800.

Questions

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Advisory Committee at contact@philipleong.com.au

Please note that the Advisory Committee is made up of volunteers from within the business sector of Townsville so responses may not be immediate.