

Rural Fire Service Queensland 2025 Volunteer of the Year Award & Young Volunteer of the Year Award

Nomination Guidelines

Rural Fire Service Queensland

2025 Regional Volunteer & Regional Young Volunteer of the Year Awards

The Rural Fire Service Queensland (RFSQ) Regional Volunteer of the Year Award and Regional Young Volunteer of the Year Award are open to eligible RFSQ volunteers who have demonstrated a notable contribution to the service.

Nominations to be received at your Area Office by: **31 May 2025**

The Regional Young Volunteer of the Year Award is for RFSQ volunteers aged between 16 – 25 years of age.

Examples of attributes (reason for award) which might be eligible for an award (in either of the above categories) include but are not limited to:

- Completing a significant task or identifying a new or different method of operation which results in a positive benefit to other RFSQ members or brigades.
- Achieving a positive outcome in resolving an identified need or problem.
- Demonstrating positive and supportive attitudes and shows outstanding compassion, support, commitment, diligence, or administration skills which underpins brigade and/or community capability – whilst continuing to model exemplary individual behaviors and actions.
- Participating actively in all aspects of community engagement and ensuring that the appropriate messaging is delivered as required.
- Demonstrating operational excellence and inspiring others to think or undertake tasks differently.
- Overcoming a challenge which results in achieving a successful outcome or makes a real difference to brigade members or the community.

Citation of no more than 40 words to encapsulate the reason for the award in the nominator's own words.

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2025 State Volunteer & State Young Volunteer of the Year Awards

The RFSQ State Volunteer of the Year Award and RFSQ State Young Volunteer of the Year Award are in recognition of overall distinguished levels of service by an individual to the RFSQ, including rescue or emergency and disaster response, community engagement or outstanding support to their brigade or community.

State Award candidates are drawn from the Regional Award nominees.

Examples of activities that might be considered for award include, but are not limited to:

- Overall distinguished levels of commitment or contribution to a Brigade, Group, Queensland Fire Department, RFSQ or the Community being served – and the resultant positive outcomes achieved.
- Mentorship or Training delivery which strengthens both the brigade and broader service capabilities.
- Outstanding initiatives by a RFSQ member to increase membership recruitment, membership retention, public awareness of the RFSQ, and/or brigade or group effectiveness.



Conflict of Interest

Please refer to Form [PR1002-Conflict of Interest](#) prior to submitting any nomination for award – ensuring that any potential issues are appropriately addressed prior to lodgment of the nomination.

Nomination Process

RFSQ Brigade First Officers or Secretaries, Group Officers or Area Senior Staff may nominate RFSQ members for these Awards to ensure that deserving recipients are recognised for their special contribution or achievements during their commitment to RFSQ. Nominations are to be processed by the Area Manager and submitted to the District Assistant Chief Officer for review, prior to submission to the RFSQ Awards Committee for their consideration. [Responsibility/Accountability]

Successful nominations are then determined by the RFSQ Awards Committee comprising of the Deputy Chief Officer - RFSQ State Capability, the Director – RFSQ Volunteering and Culture, plus Three nominated members of the Rural Fire Service Queensland Advisory Committee (RFSQAC).

