



NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The program seeks to identify and bring together young leaders in sport who are 'making a difference' in their school or local community.

The 2026 program will celebrate young Australians who 'Power the Change'.

ELIGIBILITY

- Entries are open to ALL Australian High Schools, Recognised Olympic National Sporting Organisations (NSO) and their affiliated State Sporting Organisations (SSO).
- Up to 2 (total) year 10, 11 or 12 students per nominating organisation can be nominated.
- The nominee must demonstrate attributes consistent with the Olympic Spirit (friendship, sportsmanship & striving for excellence) both on and off the playing field.
- The nominee must be:
 - ✓ actively demonstrating leadership through sport in their school, club or local community, and / or
 - ✓ using sport as a vehicle to improve health & wellbeing and drive social change in their school, club or local community.
- All applicants must adhere to the [Terms & Conditions](#).

RECOGNITION & REWARD

All students nominated by their school will receive:

- Exclusive access to the Australian Olympic Change-Maker Series in September 2026 (digital)
- An exclusive invitation be part of the Australian Olympic Change-Maker Alumni.
- A certificate of recognition, to be sent to the school in October.
- A National Olympic Change-Maker Summit will be held in late November/early December 2025. The National Summit shall be held virtually. Up to 25 students will be chosen by a panel of Olympians selected by the AOC. Refer to video upload details for more details about the National Summit.

TIMELINE

September (date tbc)	Australian Olympic Change-Make Series (Digital)
Friday 23 October	Online School Nominations Close
Friday 30 October	Nominated Student's Video Submissions Deadline
September	'Certificate of Recognition' distributed to nominees
End November dates tbc	Australian Olympic Change-Maker National Summit (Digital)





APPLICATION SUMMARY

- Nominations open July 7 2026 and close 23 October 2026
- Nominee video submissions close 30 October 2026.
- National Summit nominations to include a one-minute video produced by the student which displays their leadership and/or how they are driving change.
- Nominators, parent/guardians, and students will receive an automatic reply email once the nomination is submitted online with a guide on how to submit their one-minute video and further details about the Australian Olympic Change-Maker Series.
- Online nominations must be completed (and endorsed) by a School teacher, School Principal or representative of a NSO or SSO. The nominations page can be accessed [here](#).
- Students must be nominated by their school, NSO or SSO (up to 2 students per school, NSO or SSO).
- Schools, NSO's and SSO's are encouraged to run their own internal nomination process.

VIDEO UPLOAD AND THE NATIONAL SUMMIT

Visit the website aochangemaker.com.au to view a highlights package of the 2025 video submissions.

- Students are encouraged to submit a one-minute video which actively demonstrates how they are:
 - displaying leadership through sport in their school or local community, and / or
 - using sport as a vehicle to improve health & wellbeing and drive social change in their school or local community.
- Program theme **"POWER THE CHANGE"**
- Nominations will be assessed according to the following Video Criteria:
 - actively demonstrate how you display leadership, and/or use sport as a vehicle to improve health & wellbeing and drive social change in your school or local community;
 - include reference to the Program's 2026 theme: "Power the Change".
 - actively demonstrate Leadership, Social Impact or Innovation.
 - be a maximum of 1 minute in length;
 - be "G" rated"; and
 - be at least 480p resolution and should include sound.
- From these applications, a panel of Olympians will select up to 25 nominations nationwide to attend the National Olympic Change-Maker Summit to be held in late November.
- All video submissions to be received by 30 October 2026.
- Students can find tips, useful links, and details on how to submit their video on the [Video How To Guide](#).

