



# YoVA Application Form

Thank you for expressing an interest in The Isle of Wight Youth Council's "Youth Voice Award" (YoVA). Please email the completed form to [youth.council@iow.gov.uk](mailto:youth.council@iow.gov.uk) for the Youth Council to process your application.

YoVA awards stay in place until the Youth Council learns of a change in standards or the school reapplies to progress to the next tier. Applications are accepted at any point, but awards are only handed out at three points during the academic year: Christmas, Easter and Summer. We recommend submitting your application a month in advance of these points to allow us time to review what you have sent in.

We will send you a response letting you know if you are successful or not once the application is processed.

If you need assistance with your application, please contact the Council Officers responsible for the Youth Council:

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Find out more about the Youth Council here:

[www.iow.gov.uk/Council/how-it-works/Youth-Council](http://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/how-it-works/Youth-Council)

Name of School	
Tier of Award (Bronze, Silver, Gold)	

Name of Staff Member Responsible for Student Council	
Email	
Telephone (If applicable)	



# Youth Voice Awards (YoVA)

## Criteria and award categories

Criteria	Tier	Examples/Further Explanation (If Applicable)
An ANONYMOUS way for ALL students to feedback on what they like/don't like about their school.	BRONZE	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Form (<i>Recommended</i>)</li> <li>• Opinion Box</li> <li>• Regular Anonymous surveys.</li> </ul>
Have a means to let young people know what has happened based on what young people have said: "You said, we did" including an explanation of the rationale behind why an idea has not been implemented.	BRONZE	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webpage</li> <li>• Notice board (<i>Recommended</i>)</li> <li>• Verbal Announcement during Tutor/Assemblies.</li> </ul>
Is prepared to pilot changes suggested by young people.	BRONZE	As I am aware it is difficult to evidence a mindset it may be of use to provide a written declaration/statement affirming this position signed by any staff involved with the Student Council (If applicable) and the Headteacher/Head of School.
Has an ELECTED Student Council.	SILVER	When we say ELECTED, we mean election by Student Poll not by teacher nomination/poll. The power of the vote must be with the students.
Has young people involved in the interview process for new teaching staff.	SILVER	N/A
School Council has a direct link to the headteacher.	GOLD	This is another one that may be more difficult to evidence at first glance. A written statement signed and agreed by both the Head and members of the Student Council could be a good way to validate this.
Has a student seat on the board of governors	GOLD	N/A
Has a School Council Representative on the Youth Council.	GOLD	If there is already a Youth Council Rep in the school but is not on the Student Council allow them to take part in meetings as a "Co-opted" member. This is so the Youth Council can fulfill its bigger role in representing the whole island's young people at County Hall.

**Note:**

These criteria work cumulatively. To achieve the next rank of award you must have ALL the criteria for that tier.

Please provide photographic or written evidence that your school complies with the criteria outlined above here:

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Have a means to let young people know what has happened based on what young people have said: "You said, we did" including an explanation of the rationale behind why an idea has not been implemented. (BRONZE)	
Is prepared to pilot changes suggested by young people. (BRONZE)	
Has an ELECTED Student Council. (SILVER)	
Have young people involved in the interview process for new teaching staff. (SILVER)	
School Council has a direct link to the headteacher. (GOLD)	
Has a student seat on the board of governors (GOLD)	
Has a School Council Representative on the Youth Council. (GOLD)	

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_