



AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA  
KERRY DIVISION

# GARDA YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2026

in association with

**Lee Strand**



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## Kerry Garda Youth Awards 2026 in association with Lee Strand

The Kerry Division of An Garda Síochána in association with Lee Strand Milk are holding awards for young people between the ages of 13 years and 21 years in recognition of the great contribution young people have made and continue to make to their communities in Kerry.

Community may include volunteering in schools, voluntary organisations, family/friends, sporting organisations or achievements in sports.

- **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS** will be presented to individuals who have made a positive contribution to their community and make it a better place to live.
- A **GROUP AWARD** will also be presented to groups of two or more people who have made an impact to their community.
- The **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** will be presented to an individual who has overcome difficult circumstances, has defied all the odds and whose commitment deserves recognition.
- A **COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARD** will be presented to an individual who through crime prevention or a safety initiative/innovation has made their community a safer place to live.

The **OVERALL WINNER** of the Lee Strand/Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Award 2026 will also be presented at an awards ceremony at The Rose Hotel on Friday, September 18th, 2026.

### Application Form to be submitted to

Email: [KY.Killarney.Community@garda.ie](mailto:KY.Killarney.Community@garda.ie)

or

By post to: Kerry Garda Youth Awards, Garda Station, Tralee, Co. Kerry

**By 12 noon on Friday, May 29th, 2026**



## RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. Awards are confined to those young people who are aged between 13 and 21 years on 31st August 2026.
2. Permanent residence of the young person must be in the Garda Division in which they are nominated.
3. Awards are confined to individuals and groups of two or more people.
4. Judges decision is final.
5. The Judging Panel will decide upon one nominee in each category to go forward to represent the Division at the National Garda Youth Awards. Details of these nominees will be passed on to the Judging Panel of the Garda National Youth Awards.
6. Details of all nominees will be retained for a period not exceeding 6 months after the closing date, at which time details will be destroyed, in compliance with General Data Protection Regulations.
7. Any member of the public may nominate anyone whom they feel deserves an award.
8. Nominations may be submitted by family members or relatives.

### Your Details (Nominator)

Name of Garda Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Organisation/Personal: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Details of the Individual or Group that you are nominating:

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Individual) / Age Range (Group): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

**All categories are for young people aged between 13 and 21 years.**

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### 1: Individual Award

Making a positive contribution to their community: volunteering in schools, family/friends, voluntary organisations/charities/sports or achievements in sports.

### 2: Group Award

Groups of 2 or more, making a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live.

### 3: Special Achievement Award

Overcome difficult circumstances, defied all the odds, and whose commitment deserves recognition.

### 4: Community Safety Award

Through a crime prevention or safety initiative/innovation, have made their community a safer place to live.

For individual award nominations,  
**please provide details as requested in Section 1.**

For group award nominations,  
**please provide details as requested in Section 2.**

For special achievement award nominations,  
**please provide details as requested in Section 3.**

For community safety award nominations  
**please provide details as requested in Section 4.**

# Section I

## Individual Award Nominations

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1. Please outline how this young person has made a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live. (Maximum of 100 words.)

2. Please outline how this young person has shown the spirit of volunteerism. How have they been selfless and dedicated in their actions, without expecting anything in return. (Maximum of 100 words.)

3. Please describe how the young person has promoted a positive image of young people throughout the community. (Maximum of 100 words.)

4. How have the young person's efforts benefitted the community? (Maximum of 100 words.)

5. Please describe how the young person has been a positive role model for others, and gone above and beyond what is required of a young person. (Maximum of 100 words.)

# Section 2

## Group Award Nominations

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1. Please outline how this young group has made a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live. (Maximum of 100 words.)

2. Please outline how this young group has shown the spirit of volunteerism. How have they been selfless and dedicated in their actions, without expecting anything in return. (Maximum of 100 words.)

3. Please describe how the young group has promoted a positive image of young people throughout the community. (Maximum of 100 words.)

4. How have the young group's efforts benefitted the community? (Maximum of 100 words.)

5. Please describe how the young group has been a positive role model for others, and gone above and beyond what is required of a young person. (Maximum of 100 words.)

# Section 3

## Special Achievement Award Nominations

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1. Please outline what difficult personal circumstances the young person has had to overcome in their lives. (Maximum of 100 words.)

2. Please outline how this young person has demonstrated personal growth and endurance in the face of these difficulties. (Maximum of 100 words.)

3. Please describe how the young person's efforts and contribution have made a difference in the community. (Maximum of 100 words.)

4. Please outline how many people have been affected by the young person's contribution. Please indicate how many people have been affected, and how they have been affected. (Maximum of 100 words.)

5. Please describe how their actions have been a source of inspiration to others. (Maximum of 100 words.)

# Section 4

## Community Safety Award Nominations

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1. Please advise how this young person set about identifying a safety issue within their community. (Maximum of 100 words.)

2. Please outline why the young person decided upon this particular issue, and if they carried out any additional research in advance of their work. (Maximum of 100 words.)

3. Please outline what steps the young person took in order to address this issue. What did their work involve? Please provide details of the project. (Maximum of 100 words.)

4. Please describe how the young person displayed enthusiasm, passion and creativity in the course of their work on this project. (Maximum of 100 words.)

5. Please outline the impact the work of this young person has had on their community. Please provide details of any specific benefits to the community as a result of the young person's work.. (Maximum of 100 words.)