## What is the award for?

The award is intended to recognise the work of young Deaf and Disabled artists and activists who are using their artistic practice as a tool for challenging preconceptions about disability.   
You must:

* identify as a Deaf and/or Disabled person;
* have created work (paid or voluntary) in either comedy, performing arts or screen culture;
* be between the ages of 16 and 30;
* be a permanent resident of Australia; and
* have made a powerful impact in their practice.

## When can I apply?

The scholarship opens for applications on Wednesday 29 July and closes on Monday 14 September 2020 at 5.00 pm.

## How can I apply?

You can apply by downloading the application form from [our website](https://artsaccess.com.au/news-items/stella-young-award-2020). Once you have filled in your application form, please email it to Eva Sifis (Project Officer) at [esifis@artsaccess.com.au](mailto:esifis@artsaccess.com.au) by 5.00 pm on Monday 14 September 2020.

## Can I submit my application in other formats?

Absolutely! Please email [esifis@artsaccess.com.au](mailto:esifis@artsaccess.com.au) or call us on 96998299 if you would prefer to submit a video or audio application. Applications in Auslan are also invited.

## What do you get as part of the award?

If you are the successful recipient of the Stella Young Award, you get a certificate and a one-off payment of $3,000.

## What kind of things might I have achieved that would qualify me for this award?

We are looking for young people who have used their art (comedy, performing arts or screen culture) to have an impact on how the community thinks about disability. It could be an artistic outcome that you have presented in the community or online, such as a short film, or a performance. You could have been behind the scenes getting a project up and running, or it could have been your own work of art. But you will be a proud artist, activist who is determined to create opportunities for greater inclusion and equality.

## What kinds of things might I include in my application?

Tell us about your achievements, art and activism but keep in mind the word limits. Include links to images, short films or publications that will help us to assess your achievements.

## What can I do with my award money?

That’s entirely up to you! This is an award for your achievements, not a scholarship towards future projects.

## Can I get feedback on my application before I submit it?

Unfortunately, in the interests of fairness to all applicants, the selection panel cannot give feedback on your application.

## Will I get feedback on my application after the announcement of the successful applicant?

Yes, we will endeavour to give you feedback in writing about your application.

## Who will be making the decision about the successful application?

The selection panel consists of four community representatives with ties to Stella Young, the arts and disability sector, people with disability and Disability Media Australia.

## When will I know the outcome of my application?

We will notify you of the outcome of your application in late September early October 2020.

## Who is Arts Access Victoria?

Arts Access Victoria (AAV) is the state’s leading arts and disability organisation. AAV is dedicated to an ambitious agenda of social and artistic transformation for Deaf and Disabled people and the arts sector in which they aspire to participate without barriers. We achieve this through:

* disability-led advocacy;
* the delivery of outstanding community arts and cultural development programs;
* professional development programs and mentoring aimed at securing employment outcomes; and
* best practice industry development services that drive the engagement of organisations across the arts, disability and community sectors.

## What do I do if I have more questions?

You can email AAV at [esifis@artsaccess.com.au](mailto:esifis@artsaccess.com.au) or call us on 96998299.