



Launching on the 18th of October 2024

ADOLESCENT ACTIVISM AWARDS: *“be the change you want to see”*

CRITERIA

SRHR Africa Trust would like to celebrate young people and the role that they play in every aspect of our nation. Adolescents and young people are at the centre of driving change worldwide and in their communities.

In sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), adolescents are users of services and health, as well as, being activists for better services and positive change. Across the country many young people volunteer their time and their energy to make health and SRHR better for other young people. At SRHR Africa Trust (SAT) we support young people like this every day. Now is your chance to help the whole country recognise and celebrate these young people with us.

SRHR Africa Trust is launching the annual **Adolescent Activism Awards** to recognise and celebrate extraordinary

- adolescents (ages 10-18 yrs) and
- young people (ages 19-25 yrs)

who are doing extraordinary work to bring about positive changes in health and sexual and reproductive health and rights in their communities or anywhere in their country.

WHO DO YOU KNOW WHO IS MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?

WHO CAN ENTER?

This competition is open to

- Adolescents aged: **10 – 18** and
- Young people aged: **19 - 25**

The young person/people must be a resident of one of the following countries:

- Botswana
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Young people can either enter as **INDIVIDUALS** OR as **A GROUP** (e.g., an organisation/initiative) Young people can either nominate themselves **OR** a person/group they think is a worthy/extraordinary activist/s.



CATEGORIES:

The 2022 activism awards will be divided into 2 main categories.

CATEGORY 1: GENERAL

This category will include all activities such as events, face to face interaction, youth led organisations etc.

The activist/s will have to show that they have helped other young people in their country/region/community in one or more of the following subsections:

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADOLESCENTS:

- Access Modern Contraception
- Keeping Girls in Safe Schools
- Increase age-appropriate sexuality knowledge and education
- Fight Gender Based Violence
- Increase health access in condition of poverty
- Increase access to HIV Prevention and Treatment
- Strengthen links between health and environment activism
- Comprehend the meaning of Mental Health Issues, what it entails and how they can access services that help them address these issues
- Advocate for the inclusion of Comprehensive Sexuality Education

CATEGORY 2: CITIZEN JOURNALISM

This category/section will include all media related activities:

- Traditional: print, radio, broadcasting OR
- Online: Blogging, vlogging, online press etc.

Similar to the above, the activist/s have to show that they have addressed one or more of the issues below on a regular basis in order to assist other young people in their country/region/community in one or more of the following subsections through their journalism:

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QUALIFYING AND JUDGING CRITERIA:

To qualify and be eligible to compete in the 2024 Adolescent Activism Awards, the work carried out by the young activist/s must meet the following 4 criteria:

- (1) have visible and measurable results that have improved health for adolescents;
- (2) been ongoing for at least one year, and preferably longer;
- (3) supported and strengthened young peoples' participation in health; and
- (4) built collaboration between adolescents and health service providers

PRIZES:

WINNER:

The eventual Country Winner will win USD250 to reinvest in their work, and USD150 to keep.

RUNNER UP:

The Runner up in each country will win USD100 to reinvest, and USD100 to keep.

NOTE: Whether it is a group or individual entry – the prize money remains the same and will not increase based on the number of people in the entry.

OPENING AND CLOSING DATES

LAUNCH DATE: Friday, **17 October 2024**

CLOSING DATE: Friday, **08 November 2024 (NO LATER THAN 17:00 CAT)**

ENTRY FORM AND SUBMISSIONS

DOWNLOAD the entry form from our website and fill it out. You can find the entry form by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.srhrafricatrust.org/adolescent-activism-awards/>

Entries can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- Email the entry form to: adolescentactivismawards@satregional.org
- Inbox the entry form on Facebook to: @satregional OR on the SAT Country YouthWyze Pages
- Submit the entry form as PDF on the website

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