# application form

## Youth Mental Health Advocate

Now that you’ve read the position description you’re all ready to complete your application!

You’re welcome to answer the following questions in this form, or using another format if you’d like.

Once you’ve finished:

* Upload this form, along with your CV / Resume via the “Apply Now” button here:

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| **Name**  |  |

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| **Please tell us if you’ve had a youth participation or lived experience role with any of these organisations, or something similar:**Select one or more | [ ]  headspace[ ]  batyr[ ]  Beyond Blue[ ]  Black Dog Institute[ ]  Butterfly Foundation[ ]  CHF | [ ]  Mind Australia[ ]  Orygen[ ]  ReachOut[ ]  SANE[ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **What gender do you identify as?** |  |
| **What are your pronouns / how can we refer to you?** e.g. she/her, he/him, they/them etc |  |
| **Do you have lived experience with any of the following?** (answer with a yes or no) |
| * **Living in a regional, rural or remote area**
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| * **Coming from a culturally and linguistically diverse background**
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| * **As an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander young person**
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| * **As a young person who has had or has a mental health difficulty**
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| * **As someone who has supported another young person experiencing a mental health difficulty**
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| * **As a young person living with a disability**
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| * **Any other relevant experiences…**

(please list) |  |
| **Is there any way we might need to adjust the application process or position description for you?**(This won’t impact the success of your application at all, it’ll just help us to support your involvement!) |  |

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| 1. **Please tell us about yourself and why you’re passionate about youth mental health.**

**Do you have a lived experience that drives this passion?** (up to 150 words)Please only share what you feel comfortable and safe to disclose. |
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| 1. **Can you tell us about your current or previous youth participation or youth mental health advocacy roles / experience?** (up to 150 words)
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| 1. **Why do you think you would be an ideal candidate for the Youth Mental Health Advocate Position to work on the Visible project?** (up to 200 words)

Please tell us about the passion, skills, qualities or experiences that would make you a strong Youth Mental Health Advocate. It will help us if you can refer to the key responsibilities and key selection criteria here. |
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| 1. **What do you feel are some of the most relevant issues, policies or challenges faced by young people in Australia today?**

**How do feel these issues impact the wellbeing of young people?** (up to 200 words) |
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| The public facing nature of this program means that successful applicants will become public national advocates for Youth Mental Health. This would involve undertaking training and working with our team to identify aspects of your lived experience that you feel comfortable sharing, and learning to share these in a safe and purposeful way. Youth Advocates will then draw on this experience to promote positive discussions about youth mental health in public forums, as well as becoming a media spokesperson on behalf of the program.1. **How would you feel about taking on this role? Do you have any examples of your safe storytelling experience?** (up to 150 words)

Note: successful candidates will receive media training and training around safe sharing of mental health lived experience. |
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| Please provide the name and contact details of two referees for us to contact (you do not need to provide a written reference). Please include one reference from a staff member from an organisation you have been involved with as an advocate or youth participation representative. If you haven’t been involved with an organisation, please include someone who can speak to your advocacy experience.The second person can be a personal or professional referee. |
| **Reference 1** | **Reference 2** |
| Name  |  | Name |  |
| Relationship to you |  | Relationship to you  |  |
| Phone number  |  | Phone number  |  |

If you have any questions, please contact Sara at team@visible.org.au.