



APPLICATION TO BECOME A GOLDEN GURU

Golden Gurus is an initiative of the Federal Government's Australia 2020 Summit and is managed and funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. In each State, organisations running the program are known as *Member Organisations* and those seeking the services of Golden Gurus are known as *Host Organisations*. The Member Organisation for the Southern Highlands is Volunteering Wingecarribee.

To be a Golden Guru you must be aged 50 or more and be prepared to give some of your time helping with the establishment, administration or development of host organisations in your local community. You may be retired, semi-retired or still working and with some time to spare.

Using your skills and life experience you can volunteer, for example, to help a community organisation to provide better service delivery, or you may wish to take on the role of mentoring a small business, if you are appropriately qualified.

The following benefits are provided to successful applicants:

- ▶ You will be given training specific to your role as a Golden Guru.
- ▶ You will be covered by workplace accident and liability insurance.
- ▶ A procedure for handling grievances will be in place.

Experienced Golden Gurus can also become Golden Gurus Ambassadors, whose role is to raise awareness of the Golden Gurus program and the mature-age Australians who contribute to it.

If you are interested in becoming a Golden Guru, please read the following information and then complete the application form overleaf.

Section 1 Please complete your basic contact information.

Section 2

Q1 – Indicate your area of interest, eg helping a community organisation, mentoring a small business, not-for-profit sector etc.

Q2 – Indicate the number of hours per week/days per month you could volunteer your time. Your expertise may be required on an ad hoc basis.

Q3 – State any previous experience of volunteering of any kind.

Q4 – Police checks may be required by some host organisations or by legislation for certain types of work (eg working with children). Please indicate whether you would be prepared to have a police check carried out if required.

Section 3:

In this section please list your skills as comprehensively as possible. Show any trade qualifications, professional qualifications (degrees, diplomas etc) and then briefly describe your work history. Alternatively you may wish to attach a CV.

Also, please list the skills that you would like to bring to Golden Gurus, which may not necessarily relate directly to your past work. For example, you may have followed a particular career all your working life, but have developed additional skills that you would like to pass on to others.

Finally, please provide the names and contact details of two referees or attach references.

GOLDEN GURUS APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1

First name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Telephone numbers

(Home) _____ (Work) _____ Mobile _____

Email address _____

SECTION 2

Q1. What part of the Golden Gurus program interests you?

Q2. How much time could you dedicate to this interest?

Q3. Do you have any previous experience of volunteering?

Q4. Are you prepared to have a police check carried out?

SECTION 3

Please list the skills and qualifications you could bring to the role of a Golden Guru, including brief details of your work experience.

Trade qualifications _____

Professional qualifications _____

Brief work history (or attach resumé) _____

Specific skills (not necessarily related to formal qualifications) _____

Referees (2)

I hereby apply to become a Golden Guru in the Southern Highlands. I declare that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am 50 years of age or older.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Return completed form to The Volunteer Centre, PO Box 874, Moss Vale NSW 2577, telephone (02) 4869 4617, email info@volwing.org.au

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant interviewed/....../.... | <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifications checked/....../.... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> References checked/....../.... | <input type="checkbox"/> Police check/....../.... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Children check/....../.... | <input type="checkbox"/> Position offered/....../.... |