Minister for Young Territorians, Peter Styles, said tonight’s Duke of Edinburgh Awards give young people the opportunity to reach their potential and achieve their goals.

“This Government is supportive of any program that helps young Territorians learn life skills and become community minded,” Mr Styles said.

“I encourage all young people to take the opportunity to participate in what is the biggest self-development program in Australia.

“More than 6000 Territorians aged 14 to 25 years have participated since the program started in the Territory in 1979.

“The Duke of Edinburgh awards challenge, provide life-changing experiences, contribute to enormous personal development and present opportunities for travel and meeting people from all walks of life.

“Participants make a generous contribution to the community through the community service component of the awards.”

The Territory Government provided funding of $171,000 for the awards in 2012-13.

The awards ceremony for the 45 recipients of 2013 Duke of Edinburgh Awards was held tonight in Darwin.

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