



TASMANIAN TRAINING AWARDS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Nominations close 25 May 2026



The Tasmanian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award recognises the achievement of a student who is undertaking an apprenticeship, traineeship or a course of study leading to a nationally recognised qualification, and who has been outstanding in all aspects of their training and demonstrates the importance of lifelong learning for themselves and their community.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for this award you must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- have Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander ancestry
- self-identify as an Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander
- be recognised as an Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which they live or have lived
- be undertaking a vocational education and training program (including an apprenticeship or traineeship)
- have a training contract with Skills Tasmania **or** be a full-time or part-time student
- have completed or be due to complete your training (or vocational studies) between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2026 in a training course that leads to a nationally recognised outcome or qualification relevant to this award.
- be nominated by your registered training provider or employer (where applicable).

Conditions of entry

Nominees must agree to abide by the [Conditions of Entry](#).

Preparing your application

The overview and selection criteria should be the focus of your application; however, up to five (5) single-sided A4 pages may be provided to support your application. Attachments exceeding five pages will not be considered.

These pages can include copies of any certificates or prizes you may have received such as a sporting award, community service award or special recognition by your employer; a reference or letter of support from your employer/host employer or training provider; workplace photos.

Overview and Selection Criteria

Section A: Overview (300 word limit)

Provide a short overview covering a description of the qualification you enrolled in, your registered training organisation and employer, as well as your reason for choosing this industry and training pathway.

Note: This information will not be considered or used for judging purposes, but it may be used as your summary throughout the awards process.

Section B: Selection criteria (limit 400 words per criterion)

You are required to address each criterion. Your responses are used to assess your nomination and shortlist nominees for interviews.

Your responses should clearly address each criterion, using examples and evidence to support your statements. Judging panels will be looking for evidence of how your training has contributed to your career and study plans, the development of your skills and your achievements to date, as well as any way in which your training may have helped you to achieve other skills or pursuits.

In developing your application, please consider the suggestions below each criterion. These suggestions are examples of relevant experiences that can be considered evidence of achievements, skills and personal qualities

Criterion 1: Career and study achievements

Talk about your course or training and what led you to take this path. What did you learn through the course and what difference did it make to you. Talk about the benefits and where you think it will lead.

Consider things such as:

- Why did you choose your course?
- How has it changed or impacted on you?
- What have you gained from it?
- Have you had to address any challenges that have impacted on your training?

Criterion 2: Team and communication skills

Talk about experiences you have had where you've had to use your communication skills or work in a team and how this has helped you or inspired others.

Consider any skills you have developed through your training, such as:

- What have you been able to tell others, work mates, employers, etc about your training?
- What do you like about working in a team setting?
- What traits do you think are important to positively influence others?

Criterion 3: Ability to be an ambassador (representative) for training in Australia

Talk about anything that you are doing or can do where you have been able to talk about VET, your course or your experience of training.

Tell us about:

- Examples where you have taken a leadership role inside or outside of training/work
- What other activities have you been involved in where you have been a representative?
- How would you describe the quality of your training?

Criterion 4: Community engagement

Here talk about anything else that you think would be beneficial for your application.

You may wish to include information such as:

- How are you connected with your community/extended family?
- How has the training impacted on your community?
- What qualities do you have, or activities have you been involved in that you feel would be useful in your role as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year?
- What are your achievements in areas other than study or work?

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