



TASMANIAN TRAINING AWARDS

Vocational Student of the Year

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Nominations close 25 May 2026



This award recognises outstanding achievement by a vocational student in a course of study leading to a nationally recognised qualification.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for this award you must:

- ✓ be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- ✓ be a full-time or part-time student but not an apprentice or trainee. **Note:** You cannot apply for this award if you have a Training Contract with Skills Tasmania for the qualification for which you are nominating in this category.
- ✓ have completed, or be due to complete your training in the period between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2026, in a training course that leads to a nationally recognised outcome or qualification relevant to the Vocational Student of the Year Award
- ✓ be nominated by their registered training provider or employer (if 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 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 (if applicable), 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 (400 word limit 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 you?
- What have you gained from it?
- What have you been able to bring to your workplace (if applicable)?

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:

- Provide examples where you have taken a leadership role inside or outside of 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: Other qualities and pursuits

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

You may wish to include information such as:

- Have you had to address any challenges that have impacted on your training?
- When have you been required to use initiative either in your training, your personal life or your workplace?
- What other qualities or activities do you feel would be useful in your role as Vocational Student of the Year?
- What other community or industry involvement have you had?

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