

# NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year

2021 NSW  
Training  
Awards



## Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Applications close 14 March 2021

The NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award recognises the achievement of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who has been outstanding in all aspects of their training and demonstrates the relevance of lifelong learning for themselves and their community.

### Eligibility Criteria

#### Nominees must:

- identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- be undertaking training in New South Wales; and
- meet the eligibility for any of the following individual award categories.

#### Please refer to the eligibility under each award:

- Apprentice of the Year
- Trainee of the Year
- Vocational Student
- School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year

## Preparing your application

### Nominator Comments

#### Nominators can be:

- Individual's employer or host employer
- Teacher/trainer from their Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or school
- Industry Consultant or Training Coordinator from their Registered Training Organisation (RTO), etc
- Group Training Organisation (GTO)
- Apprenticeship Network Providers (ANPs)

**As a nominator of the individual, please briefly explain the reasons for making this nomination. (400 word limit)**

#### You may want to cover their:

- job skills
- training
- industry knowledge
- personal skills

Note: This information will act as a 'support letter of endorsement' for this nominee/individual.

For more information or assistance  
with your application



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## Section A: Overview

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. (300 word limit)

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: Entry Criteria

Applicants are required to address each criteria and will be assessed against each criterion.

In your application, you must present your information in a way that clearly addresses the award criteria. Judging panels will be looking for evidence of how your training has contributed to your career and study plans, to the development of your skills and your achievements to date, as well as any way in which your training may have helped you to engage with the community.

In developing your application, you may wish to take into account some of the considerations outlined below. These considerations are not additional criteria, but are provided to give clarification of what may be relevant to include when writing against the criteria.

### Criterion 1: Career and study achievements (400 word limit)

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 (400 word limit)

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

- What have you been able to tell others, students, mates 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 (400 word limit)

Tell us about:

- Provide 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 (400 word limit)

You may wish to include information about:

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

## Supporting Attachments

You must include:

- » **Evidence of completion** at the time your application is submitted. Examples: Certificate of Proficiency, Signed Request for Competency Based Completion Form, RTO Certificate.

The award criteria should be the focus of your nomination; however any relevant evidence may be provided to support your nomination. Any supporting attachment is to be referenced in your application.

Consider including:

- » **Awards and prizes**  
Copies of any certificates or prizes you may have been awarded (since leaving secondary school) such as a sporting award, community service award or special recognition by your employer.
- » **Resume**  
A copy of your resume
- » **Reference or letter of support**  
A reference or letter of support from either your employer/host employer, trainer or teacher.
- » **Workplace/training action photos**  
Action photos of you in your workplace or in training. See 'Photography Brief'.

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