Vocational School Student of the Year

2006 NSW TRAINING AWARDS

The NSW Department of Education and Training (DET) conducts the NSW Training Awards each year to recognise outstanding achievement in the vocational education and training sector. The Awards reward and honour the achievements of students, teachers, training organisations and employers.

Student Awards

The NSW Training Awards include five student categories. This entry form is only for the Vocational School Student of the Year. The other four categories, for which there is a separate entry form, are:

- Apprentice of the Year
- Trainee of the Year
- Vocational Student of the Year
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year

All finalists and their nominators will be invited to attend the Awards Presentation Dinner to be held at The Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour on 7 September 2006 where the Minister for Education and Training will announce the winners.

State winners of the student awards will represent NSW in the 2006 Australian Training Awards to be held in Adelaide on 16 November 2006, however, the Vocational School Student of the Year award is a NSW category only, with no comparable award in the Australian Training Awards.

ELIGIBILITY

The Vocational School Student of the Year award is open to full-time Year 12 school students undertaking accredited vocational education and training (including part-time traineeships) as part of their HSC program of study in 2006.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- The closing date for entries is Thursday 11 May 2006
- Candidates may only be nominated by their registered training provider
- Candidates may only be nominated for one award
- Candidates may only have one nominator
- Students who entered the 2005 NSW Training Awards are not eligible to enter in 2006
- Candidates must agree to abide by the decisions of the NSW Department of Education and Training (DET)
- DET reserves the right to use photographs and non-confidential information about finalists for promotional purposes

CLOSING DATE AND POSTAL DETAILS

Entry forms and required supporting information must reach the following address by 5pm on Thursday 11 May 2006:

2006 NSW Training Awards
Department of Education and Training
Level 12, 1 Oxford Street
Darlinghurst NSW 2010

SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates will be assessed from the information provided in their submissions (see "Documents and information to be provided"). Initial selection will be carried out at a regional level, where a panel of judges may conduct interviews. Each region will select one student to attend an interview in Sydney, from which finalists will be selected. All finalists will be invited to attend the Presentation Dinner for the announcement of the winner.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING THE 2006 NSW TRAINING AWARDS

Documents and information to be provided

The submission should comprise:

1. Vocational School Student of the Year Entry Form (fully completed and signed)
2. Information to be provided by the nominee: no more than six pages covering the three assessment criteria set out below
3. Information to be provided by the nominator: no more than one page, giving brief comments on the nominee’s vocational study knowledge and achievements, and personal skills
4. Attachments e.g. copies of certificates, awards, photos, etc. related to the nominee’s study or associated work (no videos, tapes or CDs please)

NB Do not send originals as the Department is unable to return submissions.

COPIES

Nominees should submit:

- one bound submission including any attachments; and
- three unbound, clipped or stapled copies without the attachments - photocopies are acceptable
ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Students will be assessed using the following three assessment criteria. The information should not exceed six pages.

1. Vocational study knowledge and achievements

Please outline:
- what you have gained or achieved through your vocational studies
- features of the training system in your vocational study area
- your understanding of new developments in technology and other trends in your vocational study area
- your workplace activities (if undertaking work placement)

2. Personal skills

Please provide examples of how you use your personal skills in your vocational study and/or workplace context. They could include:
- your communication and personal presentation skills
- goal-setting, self-reliance, motivation and effective team participation

3. Achievement in other pursuits

You could include brief descriptions of:
- your success in other areas e.g. music, sport, etc
- any special interests or activities in which you are involved, including community activities
- your possible career path and further study options

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please visit our website at www.skilling.nsw.gov.au for extra entry forms and tips on preparing a submission, or phone 1800 306 999

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ENTRY FORM

Vocational School Student of the Year

Please attach this form to your submission – see Requirements for Entering the 2006 NSW Training Awards

NOMINEE’S PERSONAL DETAILS (Please print clearly)

Family name

Given names

Date of birth

Please tick [ ] male [ ] female

High School attending in 2006

Home address

Postcode

Telephone no (H). Fax no.

Mobile no. E-mail

Optional question: Do you speak a language other than English at home? [ ] no [ ] yes

NOMINEE’S TRAINING DETAILS

Title of vocational course

Training provider organisation (if different from High School attending in 2006)

Name and address of employer organisation (if undertaking work placement)

Postcode

Telephone no.

Signature of nominee Date

NOMINATOR’S DETAILS

Name

Position

Organisation

Address

Postcode

Telephone no. (W) Fax no

Mobile no. E-mail

The nominator must ensure that the nominee meets the eligibility criteria and conditions of entry as described in this entry form. Failing to address the criteria may result in the student being ineligible

Signature of nominator Date