

Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement 2018

The Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement is a prestigious award presented to students who have demonstrated high achievement in academic excellence, leadership and commitment to the school community.

This Information Pack will answer your questions about the award, eligibility and selection criteria for the award.

Who can be nominated?

Students in government secondary schools, who are in Year 12 and will complete their Higher School Certificate in 2018, are eligible to be nominated.

Who can nominate a student?

Anyone can nominate a student. It may be a teacher, principal, community member or another student. All nominations must be endorsed by the school principal.

What are the selection criteria?

The Award recognises students' achievements over the secondary school years with particular emphasis on achievements in Years 11 and 12.

Students who are nominated must demonstrate:

- academic excellence;
- sporting and/or cultural achievements;
- leadership skills;
- commitment to the school community; and
- values such as integrity, excellence, respect, responsibility, cooperation, participation, care and fairness

Successful applications will articulate, with evidence, a student's achievement across all of these areas.

How to nominate?

All nominations for this award are now accepted by the Public Education Foundation's online application system. To access this system visit www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships and click on the relevant award.

Prior to starting the online process, the nominator is encouraged to gather the necessary information ready to submit:

- Nominee and school details (including phone numbers and emails)
- Nominator's statement supporting the student's achievement (750 words max in a word or pdf format addressing their achievements)
- Nominator's statement supporting the student's display of values (500 words max in a word or pdf format)
- Principal's statement and endorsement (the Principal will be sent an email requesting them to complete a 150-word citation)

A sample exemplar nomination form can be found on our website. This example is to be used for reference only and not replicated in whole or part. It is intended to give you a starting point for understanding the elements of a successful application.

Who selects the recipients?

It is anticipated that the selection panel will include representatives of the NSW Department of Education, the Public Education Foundation and an independent representative from the education sector. All applicants will be reviewed according to the criteria set out. Recommended nominees will then be presented to the Minister for award selection.

How many awards are made each year?

Up to 40 students from across the state receive awards each year. A school may submit a maximum of 2 nominations. The selection panel reserves the right to award fewer than 40 students if the application standard is not sufficiently compelling.

When is the closing date for applications?

Applications close at **11.59pm on Tuesday 19 June 2018**. No late applications will be considered.

For further information including terms and conditions

Call the Public Education Foundation on **02 9266 8256** or email us at **info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au**. We also encourage you to visit our website www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au