## KOORIE STUDENT OF THE YEAR

The Koorie Student of the Year Award recognises the achievements of a Koorie student who demonstrates the relevance of lifelong learning for themselves and their community. The winner of this award will represent Victoria at the Australian Training Awards.

Eligibility

You must:

🗹 Be a permanent resident of Australia

🗹 Identify as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander

🗹 Meet the eligibility requirements for any of the individual student categories:

* Apprentice of the Year
* Trainee of the Year
* Vocational Student of the Year
* School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year.

Selection Criteria

**Criterion 1: Career and study achievements**

Consider:

* why you chose your course
* how it has changed or impacted on you
* what you have gained from completing your course
* any challenges you have had to address that have impacted on your training.

**Criterion 2: Team and communication skills**

Consider:

* what you have been able to tell others – students, friends or family about your training
* what you like about working in a team setting
* what traits you think are important to positively influence others.

**Criterion 3: Ability to be an ambassador for training**

Tell us about:

* examples where you have taken a leadership role inside or outside of training/work
* other activities where you have been a representative
* how you would describe the quality of your training.

**Criterion 4: Community engagement**

Tell us about:

* how you are connected with your community or extended family
* how the training has impacted on your community
* what qualities or activities you have been involved in that you feel would be useful in your role as the Koorie Student of the Year
* what you have been able to bring to your community.

How to apply

1. Check that you meet the eligibility requirements and selection criteria above and read the Conditions of Entry to enter the awards.

2. Go to the nomination portal: <https://vta.awardsplatform.com/> Register to nominate and follow the step by step process. **Note:** Nominations may only be made through this portal.

3. Contact the Victorian Training Awards team for advice or for help with obtaining the assistance of our nomination writers, if required.

4. Make sure you submit your nomination by the closing date, **midnight on Friday 3 July.**

Writing assistance

If you need help in preparing your nomination, just contact the VTA team. They can put you in touch with a writer who can review your draft and make sure your application is of the highest possible quality.

Application components

There are three parts to the application:

* Overview – 300-word limit. (Includes a brief introduction – who you are, your course and where you studied). The Overview does not form part of the judging process.
* Responses to the Selection Criteria – 400-word limit for each response.
* Supporting Evidence (references, certificates, etc).

Video pitch (optional)

Individual student nominees are invited to provide a video pitch as a complement to their written application. This is an **optional extra** – it will help to give the judges an insight into your personality but **will not** be part of the judging process. The video can be shot on a mobile phone and should be no more than 90 seconds in duration. It should tell your story – for example, why you nominated, what you have to contribute, what sets you apart from others, and what you hope to get out of the experience. See <https://vta.awardsplatform.com> for further information.

Key dates

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| ***26 February*** | ***Nominations open*** |
| ***26 February***  | Nomination writing assistance opens |
| ***19 June*** | Nomination writing assistance closes |
| ***3 July, midnight***  | ***Nominations close*** |
| ***July*** | Eligibility review  |
| ***Mid July***  | Shortlisting  |
| ***Late July*** | All nominees notified |
| ***August*** | Finalist interviews  |

Key contacts and further information

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