

Federation TAFE Awards for Excellence 2027

EJT Tippetts Outstanding Achievement Award (Vocational Student of the Year)

About this award

The EJT Tippetts Outstanding Achievement Award (Vocational Student of the Year) recognises a Federation TAFE student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement throughout their studies.

This prestigious award celebrates students who have excelled academically while demonstrating leadership, professionalism, outstanding communication skills and a commitment to their industry and community. The successful recipient will receive a \$500 cash prize, proudly sponsored by the City of Ballarat.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- be a permanent resident of Victoria
- have completed, or due to complete, their training between 1 July 2026 and 31 December 2026 in a nationally recognised vocational qualification
- not be enrolled at Federation TAFE after 31 December 2026.

Student information	
Student ID	
Full name	
Street address	
Suburb	
Postcode	
Email address	
Phone number	
Date of birth	

Course details	
Course name	
Course code	
Course duration	
Campus attending	

Selection Criteria

Criterion 1 – Career and study achievements

Word limit: 150–400 words

Things to consider

- Why did you choose your course?
- What have you learnt throughout your studies?
- How have you grown personally and professionally?
- What have you gained from your training?
- How have you contributed to your workplace or industry?

Career and study achievements statement

Criterion 2 – Team and communication skills

Word limit: 150–400 words

Things to consider

- What have you shared with workmates, employers, family or friends about your training?
- Your experience working as part of a team.
- Communication skills you have developed.
- Personal qualities that positively influence others.

Team and communication skills statement

Criterion 3 – Ability to be an ambassador for training

Word limit: 150–400 words

Things to consider

- Leadership roles you have undertaken.
- Opportunities where you have represented your course, Federation TAFE or another organisation.
- How you promote vocational education and training.
- How you would describe the quality of your training experience.

Ability to be an ambassador for training statement

Criterion 4 – Other qualities and pursuits

Word limit: 150–400 words

Things to consider

- Challenges you have overcome during your studies.
- Examples of initiative you've demonstrated.
- Qualities that would make you an outstanding Vocational Student of the Year.
- Community involvement, volunteering or industry participation.

Other qualities and pursuits statement

Supporting documentation

Please attach the following documentation when submitting your application:

- ☐ Current statement of results
- ☐ Supporting documentation (if applicable)

Teacher referee statement

A supporting statement from the student's teacher is required.

Please provide a statement outlining why the nominee is deserving of the EJT Tippet Outstanding Achievement Award (Vocational Student of the Year).

Word limit: 150–250 words

Things to consider

- Academic achievement.
- Professional growth.
- Leadership.
- Commitment to vocational education.
- Workplace readiness.
- Why this student stands out among their peers.

Teacher referee statement

Nominator details

Nominator name	
Position	
Date	

Program manager endorsement

The program manager confirms their support for this nomination and verifies that the information provided is accurate to the best of their knowledge.

- ☐ Yes, I endorse this nomination.
☐ No, I do not endorse this nomination.

Program manager name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____