

Federation TAFE Awards for Excellence 2027

Federation TAFE Growth Award for First Nations People

About this award

The Federation TAFE Growth Award for First Nations People recognises an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student who has demonstrated commitment to their studies, personal growth and success while undertaking vocational education and training at Federation TAFE.

This award celebrates students who demonstrate resilience, leadership, community connection and a commitment to achieving their educational and career aspirations.

Up to three students may receive this award, with each recipient receiving a \$1,000 cash prize, proudly sponsored by AEC.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- be a permanent resident of Australia
- identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- be enrolled at Federation TAFE
- have demonstrated commitment to their studies
- have completed their course or be continuing their studies at Federation TAFE in the following year
- Meet the eligibility requirements of one of the following categories:
 - Apprentice
 - Trainee
 - Vocational Student
 - School-based Apprentice or Trainee (where applicable).

Student information	
Student ID	
Full name	
Street address	
Suburb	
Postcode	
Email address	
Phone number	
Date of birth	
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity	

Course details

Course name	
Course code	
Course duration	
Campus attending	
Employer (if applicable)	

Overview

Word limit: 300 words

Please provide a brief overview that includes:

- the qualification you are undertaking
- your training provider
- your employer (if applicable)
- why you chose your industry and training pathway
- your goals for the future.

Overview

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 training?
- How have you grown personally and professionally?
- What you have gained from your studies.
- Challenges you have overcome during your training.

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 – Community engagement

Word limit: 150–400 words

Things to consider

- Your connection to your community and/or extended family.
- How your training has positively impacted your community.
- How you contribute to your community.
- Qualities that would help you represent Federation TAFE as a First Nations student leader.

Community engagement statement

Supporting documentation

Please attach the following documentation when submitting your application:

- ☐ Current statement of results
- ☐ Supporting documentation (if applicable)
- ☐ At least one written reference from your employer (if applicable), teacher or trainer (PDF preferred)

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 Federation TAFE Growth Award for First Nations People.

Word limit: 150–250 words

Things to consider

- Commitment to learning and personal growth.
- Academic achievement and professional development.
- Leadership and communication skills.
- Contribution to the learning environment.
- Community engagement.
- Why the student would be an outstanding representative of Federation TAFE.

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: _____