

Federation TAFE Awards for Excellence 2027

Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria Horticulture Award for Excellence

About this award

The Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria Horticulture Award for Excellence recognises a graduating student from the Certificate III in Horticulture who has demonstrated a consistently high level of excellence, commitment and achievement throughout their studies.

The successful recipient will receive a prize package valued at over \$500, proudly sponsored by Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria, including:

- a 12-month subscription to Groundswell, the industry's leading publication
- 12 months' access to the Southern Hemisphere's largest horticultural wholesale market
- a \$200 gift voucher for the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria gift shop
- entry for the recipient and their teacher to a Tree and Shrub Growers meeting or a NextGen event.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

- be a graduating student in the Certificate III in Horticulture
- have demonstrated a consistently high level of excellence throughout their studies
- have shown a strong commitment to their learning and professional development.

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	

Nomination

Please provide a written nomination outlining why the student should receive the Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria Horticulture Award for Excellence.

Word limit: 150–250 words

Things to consider

- The student's commitment to learning and professional development.
- Technical knowledge and practical horticultural skills demonstrated throughout their training.
- Consistency in achieving a high standard of performance.
- Professionalism, attitude and work ethic.
- Contributions to the classroom, practical training environments or workplace.
- Plant identification, propagation and maintenance skills.
- Understanding of sustainable horticultural practices and environmental stewardship.
- Commitment to workplace health and safety.
- Achievements or qualities that distinguish the student from their peers.
- Why you believe this student is a worthy recipient of this award.

Nomination 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 as part of this nomination.

Please provide a statement outlining why the nominee is deserving of this award. The statement should provide specific examples that demonstrate the student's achievements, strengths and suitability for this award.

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Things to consider

- The student's technical knowledge and practical horticultural skills.
- Growth and development throughout the course.
- Commitment to learning and continuous improvement.
- Professionalism, attitude and work ethic.
- Practical application of horticultural knowledge.
- Commitment to sustainable horticultural practices and environmental responsibility.
- Workplace readiness and industry capability.
- Any achievements, qualities or experiences that distinguish the student from their peers.
- Why you believe this student is a worthy recipient of this award.

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: _____