Federation TAFE Awards for Excellence 2027

Vice-Chancellors Award for Excellence

About this award

The Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence recognises an outstanding Federation TAFE graduate who has demonstrated excellence throughout their studies and made a significant contribution to student life, the University and the broader community.

The award celebrates a graduate who has achieved a high standard in their studies while demonstrating leadership, community involvement and a commitment to positively contributing to those around them. The successful recipient will also demonstrate the ability to reflect thoughtfully on their learning and act as an articulate ambassador for Federation TAFE and Federation University.

This is a University-nominated award. Students cannot nominate themselves or other students.

The successful recipient will receive a $1,000 prize and certificate.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this award, nominees must:

- be a permanent resident of Victoria
- have completed, or be due to complete, their Federation TAFE program in 2026
- have consistently demonstrated the required competencies, skills and knowledge for their program, with particular consideration given to performance in practical, workplace, simulated, or industry-based assessment tasks.
- have demonstrated a clear commitment to student life through activities such as leadership, sporting or cultural achievement, student clubs, associations or other forms of participation
- have demonstrated involvement in the broader community outside the University
- be able to reflect thoughtfully on their learning experience and represent Federation TAFE and Federation University in a positive and articulate manner.

A lower level of academic performance earlier in a nominee's program does not preclude them from consideration where significant development and strong achievement are demonstrated during the latter stages of their studies.

Student information	
Student ID	
Full name	
Email address	
Phone number	

Course details	
Course name	
Course code	
Course duration	
Camus attending	
Employer	

Selection Criteria

Criterion 1 – Academic and study achievements

Word limit: 150–400 words

Things to consider

- The nominee's demonstrated achievement of competency across their program.
- Achievement in practical, workplace, simulated, or industry-based assessment tasks.
- Growth or improvement in skills, knowledge and applied capability throughout their program.
- Recognition, awards, scholarships or other achievements received during their studies.
- Commitment to learning, skill development and excellence in vocational education and training.
- Any challenges overcome while maintaining or improving their academic performance.

Academic and study achievements

Criterion 2 – Contribution to student life

Word limit: 150–400 words

Things to consider

- The nominee's involvement in Federation TAFE or University activities.
- Student leadership or representation.
- Participation in student clubs, associations or initiatives.
- Sporting, cultural or extracurricular achievements.
- How the nominee has supported or positively influenced other students.
- The nominee's contribution to the broader student experience and University community.

Contribution to student life statement

Criterion 3 – Community involvement and leadership

Word limit: 150–400 words

Things to consider

- Community involvement outside Federation TAFE and Federation University.
- Volunteering or participation in community organisations, sporting clubs, associations or charitable activities.
- Leadership demonstrated within the community.
- How the nominee has used their skills, knowledge or experience to benefit others.
- The impact of their contribution to their community.

Community involvement and leadership statement

Criterion 4 – Ability to be an ambassador for Federation TAFE

Word limit: 150–400 words

Things to consider

- The nominee's ability to reflect thoughtfully on their learning experience.
- Their ability to communicate confidently and persuasively about their field of study.
- How they demonstrate the values and qualities expected of a Federation TAFE graduate.
- Their professionalism and communication skills.
- Their potential to positively represent Federation TAFE, Federation University and vocational education and training.
- Their future aspirations and how their studies have prepared them for their chosen field.

Ability to be an ambassador for Federation TAFE statement

Supporting documentation

Please attach the following documentation when submitting your application:

☐ Current statement of results

☐ Supporting documentation (if applicable)

Nominator statement

A supporting statement from the nominee's teacher, Program Manager or other appropriate Federation TAFE staff member is required.

Please provide a statement outlining why the nominee is deserving of the **Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence**.

Word limit: 150–250 words

Things to consider

- Academic achievement and commitment to their studies.
- Personal and professional growth.
- Contribution to the student experience and University community.
- Leadership and engagement with others.
- Community involvement.
- Communication skills and professionalism.
- Future potential.
- Why this student stands out among their peers.
- Why they would be an appropriate ambassador for Federation TAFE and Federation University.

Nominator 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: _____