



## Awards now open!

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Queensland Training Awards!

For more than six decades the awards have been shining a spotlight on excellence in vocational education and training (VET) and people just like you.

Apprentices, trainees and students, the people who train and the businesses that employ — your success demonstrates how training changes lives, forges careers, and builds strong and skilled workforces.

Your story is powerful. Celebrate and tell your story through the Queensland Training Awards in 2022 — just like Chinchilla’s Kasey Hardy, the 2021 Australian and Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year (pictured below).

NOMINATE NOW!



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*— Kasey Hardy, 2021 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year*

### Kasey's story

Keen for a new opportunity, with skills and experience valued by employers, Kasey Hardy was drawn to the inaugural Western Downs Indigenous Traineeship program offered by Harness Energy Services and Shell QGC.

“My traineeship gave me the skills and experience that employers want and that I needed,” Kasey said.

“Through all my work health and safety training and inductions, and the many different trades I have been exposed to, I have never felt more confident in my own abilities and capacity to help others.

“I’m proud of what I have achieved and was truly humbled by my success in the Queensland Training Awards and then on the national stage. The awards are a unique way people like me can be recognised and can share our stories to inspire others — and I encourage others to give it a go.

“Every day, I get up, go to work and proudly wear my uniform because I know my community is watching. I want children to see positive behaviours and mindsets towards employment because ‘you can’t be, what you can’t see’.

“The Queensland Training Awards helped me take my message to a whole new level and audience, and I am so inspired to continue what I started when I applied for my traineeship.”

You can read more [inspiring winner testimonials](#) on our Queensland Training Awards website.

Visit the site to learn more about the [14 award categories now open](#) and opportunities to progress from regional to state finals and on to the Australian Training Awards, where winners and finalists can celebrate and be a voice for training pathways on a national and even an international stage.

New [promotional materials](#) are also available to share across social media, and in workplaces and training organisations — so please use these to spread the word far and wide.

**Nominations close midnight Thursday 31 March 2022.**

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## #1 top tip: Start early

The key to writing a successful nomination is starting early.

It is important you read the instructions carefully on how to nominate and include all the evidence requested to support your nomination.

Identify the supporting documentation you need now, in case you need to request letters of recommendation or completion information you don’t have to hand. Don’t leave this until the end or you might miss the closing date.

Check out the [entering the awards](#) webpage for more help and top tips, including a [how to enter in 5 easy steps video](#) (below), tips for planning and writing a nomination, and even [examples of winning nominations](#).

Nominations must be submitted via the online nomination portal. When you [register to start your nomination](#) via the portal, we can send you added inspiration and information to guide you along your nominee journey.

Remember our [state and regional coordinators](#) are here to help — reach out if you ever hit a snag or have questions.



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## Become a sponsor

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# 2022 key dates

**20 January** – Nominations opened

**31 March** – Nominations close

**April / May** – Regional judging / telephone or online interviews

**July** – [Regional award ceremonies](#), regional winners announced

**July / August** – State judging / telephone or online interviews

**17 September** – [State Gala Dinner](#), state winners announced

**November** – [Australian Training Awards](#), national winners announced

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