

VET IN SCHOOLS STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD CRITERIA



This Award recognises a student currently enrolled in a Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools welding or metal fabrication program who demonstrates outstanding promise in the field. The nominee should exhibit a high level of enthusiasm, a strong commitment to developing their technical skills, and a proactive attitude towards learning and growth in the welding and fabrication industry.

You must be a current 2026 Weld Australia member to apply for this award. If you are unsure about your membership status or would like to join, please email membership@weldaustralia.com.au or phone David Choudry (Membership Manager) on 0417 878 104.

You will need the following information on hand to complete your online entry form. The online entry form can be accessed via: <https://weldaustralia.com.au/2026-welding-excellence-awards/>

Please note: the online entry form cannot be saved. It must be fully completed in the one sitting.

Contact Details (of both the Nominator and the Young Trades Person)

First Name	Last Name	Title
Company Name	Email Address	Phone Number
Street Address		

Photos

Please upload two photos of the young trades person - one should be an action shot of them working, the other should be a head shot. These photos will be used for promotional purposes, including but not limited to: PowerPoint presentations at event ceremonies, in Weld Australia's newsletters, EDMs, magazines, social media and website. By uploading photos, you confirm that you have the permission of all people photographed for their use in promotional purposes. Please note that the files must be either a JPEG or a PNG. The file must also be over 1MG in size, but the larger the better.

Brief Biography (500 words maximum)

Please provide a brief biography of the young person being nominated for the Award. This should include details of any training or qualifications, a summary of their professional experience, their key skills, and any major projects or achievements. It should also summarise why they deserve to win the award.

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Demonstrated Skill and Learning Progression (500 words maximum)

Describe how the student demonstrates an emerging high level of skill and craftsmanship through their VET training. Include examples such as successful project completions, practical test results, or work experience placements.

Commitment to Learning and the Industry (500 words maximum)

Explain how the student has shown commitment to their learning and the welding or fabrication industry. This may include a positive attitude, enthusiasm in the classroom or workshop, participation in extra-curricular training, or seeking mentoring opportunities.

Future Aspirations and Development (500 words maximum)

Outline the student's aspirations within the welding and fabrication sector. Detail any further training or apprenticeship pathways they intend to pursue, and how they plan to develop professionally within the industry.

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