

Austin Asche Apprentice of the Year

Award Criteria

Eligibility

Nominees for this award must:

- be a permanent resident of Australia
- have completed or be due to complete your contract of training (ie, apprenticeship or traineeship) between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010; and
- have a contract of training registered with the NT training authority.

Note: applicants may nominate for only one award category in any year.

Applications for the NT Training Awards are to be in 12 pt font and a maximum of 5 A4 pages plus up to 5 pages in attachments (no more than 10 pages in total). A nomination form must be submitted with your application - this can be found at www.trainingawards.nt.gov.au.

The award criteria should be the focus of your application, however, any relevant evidence may be provided so long as it does not exceed the specified page limit.

Any material in excess of 10 pages will not be forwarded to the judging panel.

Australian Training Awards

The 2010 Northern Territory winner of this category will automatically be nominated for the Australian Training Awards. The winner is required to provide their original application submitted for the NT Training Awards, which addresses the award criteria below.

Preparing your application

Section A: Overview

Provide a short overview giving a description of the qualification you enrolled in, your registered training organisation and employer details (if applicable) and your reason for choosing this industry and training path.

Section B: Applicants will be judged against the 4 following criteria

Criterion 1: Career and study achievements

Criterion 2: Communication, team and leadership skills

Criterion 3: Other pursuits

Criterion 4: Ability to represent the training system at a broader level

Addressing the criteria

In your application, you must present your information in a way that clearly addresses the award criteria. Judging panels will be looking for evidence of how your training has contributed to your career and study plans, to the development of your skills and your achievements to date, as well as any way in which your training may have helped you to achieve other pursuits.

In developing your application, you may wish to take into account some of the considerations outlined below. These suggestions are **not** additional criteria, but are provided to give clarification of what may be relevant to include when writing against the criteria.

Career and Study Achievements

Consider things such as:

- any personal or career gains you have achieved from participating in your studies and your job;
- how you can demonstrate your understanding of the value of learning;
- how you have integrated on-the-job and off-the-job training and what benefits this has had.

Communication, team and leadership skills

Consider any skills you have developed through your training, such as:

- effective oral and written communication;
- your level of self-reliance and resilience in times of challenge;
- effective team participation;
- leadership and promotion of your training, industry or other things you are involved in;
- your capacity to be an effective ambassador for your industry, community and Australia.

Other pursuits

You may wish to include information about:

- your achievements in areas other than study and work;
- your involvement in the community;
- your awareness of current social, economic and political issues.

Ability to represent the National Training System at a broader level

Tell us about:

- any knowledge or understanding you have gained of new developments and trends in your workplace or industry and the vocational education and training system;
- any messages you might have that could encourage others who are interested in entering your training pathway.

Selection Process

- Judging panel will convene to assess applications
- Panel will shortlist applications and invite for interview
- Short listed nominees will be required to attend the Judging Weekend in Darwin, 25 – 28 June 2010
- Finalists will be required to attend a recreational activity along with other finalists, sponsors and judges on the evening before the Gala Dinner
- Finalists will be required to attend the Gala Dinner in Darwin on 11 September 2010
- The winner must be available for the Australian Training Awards selection process, culminating in the Gala Presentation scheduled for Friday 19 November 2010 in Sydney.