



2006 NOMINATION PERIOD NOW CLOSES ON 14 AUGUST

Principals invited to nominate best students for the 2006 Australian Vocational Student Prize

Nomination period extended until 14 August 2006 – your nominations welcome

The Australian Vocational Student Prize recognises and encourages outstanding senior secondary students undertaking a Vocational Education and Training in Schools programme or an Australian School-based Apprenticeship including in the Traditional Trades (Engineering, Vehicle, Construction, Electrical/Electronic, Food, Wood).

Students demonstrating exceptional skill, commitment and achievement will be recognised with a prize of \$2,000 and a certificate. The Australian Government is providing funding of \$1 million each year for four years for the prize.

The Australian Vocational Student Prize established in 2005, is an important initiative by the Australian Government which recognises vocational education and training as a valuable and desirable pathway for students.

The Australian Vocational Student Prize is in addition to the Australian Government Australian Student Prize for academic excellence by senior secondary students.

A small number of exceptional Australian Vocational Student Prize 2006 winners will be selected to receive the Prime Minister's Award for Skills Excellence 2006. The Awards are for the highest achieving students from each State and Territory, highest achieving student in each industry area and for the highest achieving Indigenous student in Australia. To read about the students who received the Prime Minister's Award for Skills Excellence in 2005 go to www.dest.gov.au/pmaward.

Who is Eligible?

Students are eligible for nomination if they:

- Complete Year 12 in 2006;
- As part of their senior secondary studies have made substantial progress towards or have completed an Australian School-based Apprenticeship including in the Traditional Trades (Engineering, Vehicle, Construction, Electrical/Electronic, Food, Wood) or an accredited Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools programme; and
- are an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Nomination Process

Each **school principal** is invited to nominate one Australian School-based Apprentice and/or one Vocational Education and Training in Schools student.

How will Prize winners be selected?

The Department of Education, Science and Training in conjunction with State based external panels will assess the nominations. Student winners are considered outstanding senior secondary students undertaking vocational education.

What is the timeline?

Applications opened 20 May and now close on 14 August 2006.

[Guide to completing the Nomination Form](#) and the [Nomination Form](#) are available for downloading at www.dest.gov.au/careerdevelopment