# Equity Student of the Year

## **2025 drafting template**

The Equity Student of the Year award is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in overcoming a significant barrier or disadvantage to effectively participate in vocational education and training (VET).

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This drafting template is handy for composing responses to award criteria, before cutting and pasting them into your online nomination. Use it to jot down ideas and map out how you would like to respond. It’s also a great way to check spelling, grammar and word counts, and share with someone to review.

## Section A: Overview

The information in Section A will **not** be considered or used for judging purposes, but it may be used as your summary throughout the awards process.

## Section B: Selection criteria

### Addressing the selection criteria

This information will be considered and used for shortlisting and judging purposes. In your nomination, you must present your information in a way that clearly addresses the selection criteria. Judging panels will be looking for evidence of how you have overcome barriers to achieve training, career and life goals.

The selection criteria should be the focus of the nomination. In developing your nomination, you may wish to take into account the considerations listed under each criterion.

*Note: Considerations are not additional selection criteria but are provided to clarify what may be relevant to include when writing a response for each criterion.*

## Section A: Overview

Provide a short overview, including a description of the training course or qualification you enrolled in and why you chose your industry and training pathway.

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### Section B: Criterion 1: Challenges and barriers to accessing and participating in VET and employment

Explain the circumstances which made accessing and participating in VET a challenge. You may wish to consider:

* any personal or career barriers that have prevented you from undertaking training and securing sustainable employment or a career pathway.
* any challenges you faced while completing your course/training.
* what supports did you use to participate in your course/training program (e.g. coaching, mentoring, resources and referral services)?

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### Criterion 2: What or who helped you to overcome these barriers?

Think about the support you received on your training pathway. You may wish to consider:

* was there a person or program which motivated you (e.g. family member, supervisor, support worker, community organisation, teacher/trainer or colleague)?
* what role did your registered training organisation (RTO) play in supporting you throughout your training?

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### Criterion 3: How has your training benefited you?

Consider any skills you have developed through your training and the success you were able to achieve. You may wish to consider:

* how did the course or training you completed help you?
* any achievements you have realised from participating in your course or training program, such as securing employment, going onto further training or being recognised in the community or workplace.

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### Criterion 4: What are your future goals?

Where to next? What plans do you have for the future? You may wish to include information about your future plans and how the completion of your training has helped you in this area.

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