

A portrait of Shaona Imaru, a young Black woman with her hair in a bun, smiling. She is wearing a teal polo shirt with the 'UNITING SA' logo. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting. The image is partially covered by a large red and orange geometric overlay.

Individual

Shaona Imaru ►

2019 South Australian Vocational
Student of the Year & 2019 Australian
Vocational Student of the Year

Vocational Student of the Year

The Vocational Student of the Year award recognises an outstanding student's achievement in a course of study leading to a nationally recognised qualification and demonstrates the relevance of lifelong learning.

Eligibility criteria

You must:

- be a full time or part time student, but not an Australian apprentice (or trainee)
- have completed or be due to complete your training in the period 1 September 2019-31 August 2020 in a training course that leads to a nationally recognised outcome or qualification relevant to the award you are applying for
- nominate in the state or territory where you reside
- be a permanent resident of Australia.

2020 state winners of this category are automatically nominated for the Australian Training Awards.

Preparing your application

Section A: Overview

Provide a short overview addressing the qualification you enrolled in, your RTO and employer (if applicable), as well as your reason for choosing your industry and training path.

(limit: 300 words)

Section B: Applicants will be judged against the following criteria

Criterion 1: Career and study achievements

Criterion 2: Team and communication skills

Criterion 3: Ability to be an ambassador (representative) for training in Australia

Criterion 4: Other qualities and pursuits

Addressing the criteria

In your application, you must present information in a way that clearly addresses each award criterion.

The judging panel will look for evidence of how your training has contributed to your career and study plans, 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 in other areas and/or pursuits, or to develop new qualities.

The dot points listed under each criterion give you an idea of what to include in your application.

Criterion 1: Career and study achievements

Consider things such as:

- why did you choose your course?
- how has it changed or impacted on you?
- what have you gained from it?
- what have you been able to bring to your workplace?

(limit: 400 words)

Criterion 2: Team and Communication skills

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

- what you have been able to tell others, students, friends etc about your training
- what you like about working in a team setting
- what traits you think are important to positively influence others.

(limit: 400 words)

Criterion 3: Ability to be an ambassador (representative) for training in Australia

Tell us about:

- examples of where you have taken a leadership role inside or outside of work
- other activities you have been involved in where you have been a representative
- how you would describe the quality of your training.

(limit: 400 words)

Criterion 4: Other qualities and pursuits

You may wish to include information about:

- whether or not you have had to address any challenges that have impacted on your training
- when you have been required to use initiative - either in your training, your personal life or your workplace
- what other qualities you have or activities you have undertaken that you feel would be useful in your role as Vocational Student of the Year
- what other community or industry involvement you have had.

(limit: 400 words)

Attachments

Up to five (5) single sided A4 page attachments are permitted, with each attachment to be provided at a 100 per cent ratio, one document per page. Attachments should be referenced in your application.



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