INTRODUCTION

The WA Education Awards honour and reward public school teachers, leaders and support staff, as well as schools.

Nominated staff and schools have the opportunity to:
• reflect on their achievements
• be measured against best practice criteria
• attend the WA Education Awards breakfast presentation.

Finalists and winners:
• hold the honour of being recognised by colleagues and communities
• showcase the achievements and successes of their students and school communities
• represent the very best in public education in Western Australia
• undertake professional learning in areas of their choice
• establish relationships with education, community and business leaders.

Key dates
15 June 2015 Nominations open
21 August 2015 Nominations close
21 September 2015 Finalists announced
22 to 25 September 2015 and 12 to 23 October 2015 Site visits of finalists
30 November 2015 Presentation breakfast

This guide is to help staff, members of school boards/councils and members of parents and citizens’ associations write nominations for individuals and schools for the WA Education Awards. While parents and students cannot submit nominations, they may contribute to them. Self-nomination by staff for individual award categories is not accepted.

Nomination templates for each award category are on the website. Each template outlines the selection criteria to be addressed. Nominations should be no longer than three A4 pages and written in size 11 Arial font.

All nominations must be endorsed before they are submitted.

As a teacher I have chosen public education because, as a community, it believes and values inclusivity and acts inclusively. Public school communities see the potential in every child.

Ana Noll
WA Premier’s Primary Teacher of the Year 2014
Geographe Primary School
WA Premier’s Primary Teacher of the Year

This award category recognises primary school teachers who are knowledgeable, caring and creative – and passionate about inspiring younger students to want to learn. They encourage respect in the classroom, know their students and how they learn, and engage in professional learning.

The award category is for qualified early childhood and primary school teachers working in our schools with a significant proportion of the week dedicated to classroom teaching.

The WA Premier’s Primary Teacher of the Year receives $25 000 (50% for professional development and 50% cash) and three finalists each receive $2500.

WA Premier’s Secondary Teacher of the Year

This award category recognises secondary school teachers who are a source of inspiration to their students. They know their content and how to teach it, and provide a dependable and consistent influence as their students make choices about further education, work and life.

The award category is for qualified secondary school teachers working in our schools with a significant proportion of the week dedicated to classroom teaching.

The WA Premier’s Secondary Teacher of the Year receives $25 000 (50% for professional development and 50% cash) and three finalists each receive $2500.

WA Primary School Leader of the Year

This award category recognises the exciting and significant role of leaders in primary schools. As mentors and motivators, they create partnerships and work with their communities. They secure the best possible learning outcomes for their young students.

This award category is for principals and deputy principals working in our primary schools.

The WA Primary School Leader of the Year receives $25 000 (50% for professional development and 50% cash) and three finalists each receive $2500.

WA Secondary School Leader of the Year

This award category recognises the inspiring and challenging role of leaders in secondary schools. They take the lead in bringing their schools and communities together, and are well respected by their colleagues. They guide staff and students with insight and inspiration.

The award category is for principals, deputy principals, heads of learning areas and program coordinators working in our secondary schools.

The WA Secondary School Leader of the Year receives $25 000 (50% for professional development and 50% cash) and three finalists each receive $2500.

WA Premier’s Excellence in Aboriginal Education Award

This award category recognises schools that work actively to improve education outcomes for their Aboriginal students. With strong leadership, all staff work together and pursue innovations to create positive school experiences where every student reaches their potential.

This award category is for schools that are making a difference in Aboriginal education.

The WA Premier’s Excellence in Aboriginal Education Award winner receives $25 000 and three finalists each receive $2500.
The best thing about working in public education is being able to inspire students to achieve to the best of their ability.

Mia Lennox
WA Beginning Teacher of the Year 2014
Ashdale Secondary College

CATEGORIES

WA Beginning Teacher of the Year
This award category recognises the fresh, enthusiastic and passionate approach that beginning teachers bring to their classrooms and to the profession. They embrace technology and innovate in their approach to teaching and learning. They contribute to their school communities in many different ways.

The award category is for qualified teachers who have taught for up to three years and are working in our schools with a significant proportion of the week dedicated to classroom teaching.

The WA Beginning Teacher of the Year receives $25 000 (50% for professional development and 50% cash) and three finalists each receive $2500.

WA Education Assistant of the Year
This award category recognises the vital role of education assistants in supporting the learning and wellbeing of students. They assist teachers to deliver education programs and encourage supportive and inclusive learning environments.

The award category is for education assistants working in our schools.

The WA Education Assistant of the Year receives $25 000 (50% for professional development and 50% cash) and three finalists each receive $2500.

WA Primary School of the Year
This award category recognises primary schools that focus intently on the learning and development of students from the start of their schooling experiences through to early adolescence. Innovative approaches, community partnerships, strong leadership and commitment to professional learning shape the positive and inspirational culture of these schools.

The award category is for all our primary schools, including district high schools and education support centres.

The WA Primary School of the Year receives $15 000 and three finalists each receive $2500.

WA Secondary School of the Year
This award category recognises secondary schools that inspire students in their academic, social and creative development. Outstanding teaching and leadership create positive environments for students to achieve success, for staff to contribute their best and for communities to be actively involved in their schools.

The award category is for all our secondary schools, including district high schools and education support centres.

The WA Secondary School of the Year receives $25 000 and three finalists each receive $2500.

WA School Services Staff Member of the Year
This award category recognises the important work of school services staff in making sure schools run well and smoothly. By managing day-to-day financial, administrative, technical and hands-on operations, they contribute to their schools providing the best learning environments for students.

The award category is for administrative, facilities and technical staff working in our schools.

The WA School Services Staff Member of the Year receives $25 000 (50% for professional development and 50% cash) and three finalists each receive $2500.

WA Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer of the Year
This award category recognises the significant role of Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers in supporting school staff to develop culturally inclusive teaching and learning programs for Aboriginal students. They build relationships with Aboriginal communities that allow culture and languages to be shared.

The award category is for Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers working in our schools.

The WA Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer of the Year receives $25 000 (50% for professional development and 50% cash) and three finalists each receive $2500.

Before submitting the nomination:

• Does the nomination meet all eligibility requirements for the category?
• Have all terms and conditions been met?
• Have all selection criteria been addressed in no more than three A4 pages in size 11 Arial font?
• Do all supporting documents meet the terms and conditions?
• Has the nomination been read and endorsed by the relevant parties?

All eligibility requirements for award categories and the WA Education Awards terms and conditions are on the website.
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Nominations must be submitted through the website at education.wa.edu.au by 5.00pm on Friday 21 August 2015.