



# Minister's Arts Education Awards 2020

## Public School and Non-Government School Categories

Nomination information and guidelines

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### Information

There are four awards available for outstanding teachers of the Arts in public and non-Government schools. Each recipient of an award will receive \$5,000 to support their professional learning in their chosen Arts field.

Awards are presented in two categories:

1. Public School Category (two awards)
  - One award for a primary teacher of The Arts
  - One award for a secondary teacher of The Arts
2. Non-Government School Category (two awards)
  - One award for a primary teacher of The Arts
  - One award for a secondary teacher of The Arts

The prestigious Minister's Arts Education Awards are in recognition of outstanding achievement and endeavour in Arts education.

These awards are designed to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of teachers in the Arts in schools.

The awards recognise excellence in teaching in improving children and young people's learning. They highlight outstanding achievement, creativity and leadership of teaching and learning in Arts education.

The awards are a considerable prize in terms of funding to support the professional development of the recipient. This may include (involve) their students and/or school community, but the prize is predominantly about funding the individual's professional development.

It is envisaged that these awards will provide winners with further opportunities to further develop innovation, best practice and leadership of The Arts.

The Award funding is provided for expenditure during the 2021 calendar year.

## Objectives

- Strengthen, acknowledge and grow Arts education in schools by recognizing and rewarding effective and outstanding teaching and learning practice in the Australian Curriculum: The Arts and/or in the SACE (Arts subjects).
- Identify role models who demonstrate creativity and innovation by outstanding teachers in The Arts in guiding students to realise their potential.
- The awards acknowledge and celebrate the valuable contribution made by outstanding Arts educators.
- To celebrate the role of Arts education and its place in the community.
- Recognise and reward individual outstanding Arts educators.
- To stimulate further opportunities for creativity and innovation amongst educators for children and young people.
- To support further endeavour, learning and professional learning opportunities for Arts educators.
- Provide opportunities for outstanding teachers of The Arts to engage in quality professional learning in The Arts.

## Eligibility

- Nominees for the public school category of the awards must be a teacher of The Arts who is school-based and has been working for at least 3 consecutive years with the Department for Education.
- Nominees for the non-Government school category of the awards must be a teacher of The Arts who is school-based and has been working for at least 3 consecutive years in an Independent or Catholic school.
- Previous recipients of the award are not eligible to reapply.
- Nominees must be Australian citizens or have permanent residence status in Australia.
- Nominees can propose a professional learning program at the time of nomination or indicate the type of professional learning they intend to undertake and if successful, manage their activities in consultation with the Executive Director, Educators SA over the following 12-month program
- All funding must be acquitted by the end of the 2021 calendar year unless otherwise negotiated.
- The award cannot be used to support business development or private enterprises.

## Further Information

The four successful nominees for the Minister's Arts Education Awards will be awarded \$5,000 each towards their professional learning in their chosen Arts form.

- An advisory committee of Educators SA, Arts Associations and a representative from the Department for Education will assess the submissions. The recommendations are then endorsed by the Educators SA Board.
- The award winners will be required to attend an official event (30<sup>th</sup> October 2020), to be presented with their award. They may also be required for a media call.
- The award winners will be required to provide a report on completion of their professional learning and asked to run a small professional learning activity that is based on their professional learning funded by the prize.
- Nominations are to be limited to the specified word counts.
- Support material validating training or mentoring can be additional. CV's can be provided but must be no longer than two pages.
- Please contact Rod Nancarrow (Educators SA) or Sharyn Schell (Department for Education) to discuss your nomination and/or eligibility.
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***Nominations must be completed and submitted online no later than 5.00pm Friday 18th September 2020***

## Guidelines

### Nomination

Teachers can self-nominate or be nominated by a member of the school community. Teachers nominated for the Awards must:

- Be a teacher currently based in a public or non-Government school
- Have taught in a public or non-Government school for at least 3 years consecutively immediately prior to the nomination
- Not have won this award previously

To be eligible nominees need to provide the following:

- Principal's endorsement
- Supporting statement by the nominee or nominator (a member of the school community)
- Personal statement
- Professional learning proposal (including budget)

### Criteria

Supporting statements should be based on the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (AITSL):

#### Professional knowledge

- Know students and how they learn (in and/or through The Arts)
- Know the (Arts curriculum) and how to teach it

#### Professional practice

- Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning (in The Arts)
- Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments (in The Arts)
- Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning (in The Arts)

#### Professional engagement

- Engage in professional learning (and improve practice)
- Engage with professionally with colleagues, parents/carers and the community