

INDIGENOUS BOARDING  
**AWARDS**



INDIGENOUS  
EDUCATION  
& BOARDING  
AUSTRALIA

2021 ENTRY GUIDELINES

## THE AWARD CATEGORIES

- Exceptional Cultural Connection by a Boarding School or Residence
- Exceptional Contribution to the Community by an Indigenous Boarding Student
- Excellence in the Provision of Indigenous Student Health and Wellbeing
- Excellence in Indigenous Education & Boarding Leadership (Individual or organisation)
- Exceptional Contribution to Indigenous Student Boarding (Individual)

## A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF EACH OF THE AWARD CATEGORIES

### **Exceptional Cultural Connection by a Boarding School or Residence**

This award is to acknowledge a boarding school or residence that recognises the value of Indigenous cultural connection and have activities or programs that connect their boarders with relevant Indigenous cultures. This may be connections to local Indigenous groups or the home communities of boarders.

### **Exceptional Contribution to the Community by an Indigenous Boarding Student**

Community service not only enhances the lives of others in the community, it is a major contributor to the life skills and wellbeing of the young person giving their time and energy. In this award we are looking for nominations of Indigenous boarding students who actively engage in their community, be it their home community or the community in which they are resident whilst boarding, and have made an exceptional contribution.

### **Excellence in the Provision of Indigenous Student Health and Wellbeing**

This award recognises organisations or individuals who provide Indigenous boarding students with health and wellbeing services and programs that not only supports their participation in education but allows them to thrive as individuals. This may be a partnership between a health provider and a

boarding school/residence or a program that is provided to support Indigenous student health and wellbeing.

### **Excellence in Indigenous Education & Boarding Leadership (individual or organisation)**

Leadership comes in different forms and not just from those in leadership positions. Leadership may be a long-term contribution on a successful path or new innovative ways of doing things. The Excellence in Indigenous Boarding Leadership award recognises either individuals or organisations that have challenged common practice and are pursuing excellence in order to make a difference to the lives of their Indigenous boarders.

### **Exceptional Contribution to Indigenous Student Boarding (individual)**

Many people make contributions to the boarding experience for Indigenous boarders whether it is a staff member, teacher, volunteer, community leader or a parent. However, some individuals go above and beyond with a passion to make an exceptional contribution. This award seeks to recognise these outstanding individuals.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED AS AN ORGANISATION?**

A Boarding School or Residence with Indigenous Students is a typical candidate for some of the award categories. An organisation is also considered eligible if it provides services to a Boarding School or Residence with Indigenous students.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED AS AN INDIVIDUAL?**

To be eligible for the *Exceptional Contribution to the Community by an Indigenous Boarding Student* award a student must either be currently enrolled or have completed high school in the same financial year as the awards are presented. For other awards where it is appropriate to nominate an individual the candidate needs to have made a significant contribution to one or more indigenous boarding services. They could be a staff member, service provider, student, parent or community member.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO MAKE THE NOMINATION?**

The organisation being nominated must have consulted their senior management and have their support to participate in the award program. Similarly, if you wish to nominate an individual, they must be consulted about it beforehand. An individual wishing to nominate them self must seek endorsement of a senior staff representative of the organisation they are associated with.

### **An organisation can self-nominate**

Meaning only one person on behalf of the organisation is required to complete the entry form. However this should be a minimum of a Head of Boarding, Principal or equivalent.

In the case of service provider organisations this should be a minimum position equivalent to that of State or regional manager.

### **An individual cannot self-nominate**

An individual will need to be nominated by a senior staff member of a relevant organisation and co-sign the entry form as well.

## **What is the awards judging process?**

All nominations will be cross-checked against the awards criteria to ensure eligibility by the Indigenous Education and Boarding Australia (IEBA) team.

A judging panel from across Australia appointed by Indigenous Education and Boarding Australia will rank the applications independently and the collated results will guide the shortlisting of finalists and award winner.

Judges will be asked to declare any conflict of interest where they may have a personal or professional relationship with the nominee.

The judges will be announced after the selection process has been completed.

## **WHAT DETAILS DO I NEED TO PREPARE FOR A NOMINATION**

You will need to explain why the individual or organisation is a strong candidate to receive a national award. Referring to the Award descriptions elaborate on what has been achieved, how it was achieved and why such an achievement is important to indigenous boarding.

You will also need to supply information about over what timeline this activity occurred and provide an overview about the individual or organisation.

As part of the nomination process you will need to provide between 3 and 6 photographs relevant to the nomination. Please ensure you have permission of the people featured in the photographs as these may be used at the Awards Ceremony and for promotional purposes in print and online.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **Entries open**

Wednesday 21 October, 2020

### **Entries Close**

12noon (CST) Monday 15 March, 2021

### **Finalists announced on website**

Wednesday 24 March, 2021

### **Awards Presentation**

Wednesday 5 May, 2021

### **Winners announced on website and video replays available**

Thursday 6 May, 2021

## FAQ

### **Can I nominate for more than one award?**

Yes. If you believe an individual or an organisation meets the criteria, then you can nominate for more than one award category.

### **Is an online submission the only way to enter the awards?**

Yes. We do not accept submissions in hard copy or email. If you have any difficulties using the online form, please contact IEBA via [projects@boardingaustralia.edu.au](mailto:projects@boardingaustralia.edu.au) or phone 1300 378 416.

### **Is there an entry fee?**

There is no charge to enter the awards. IEBA is covering all costs associated with administering and presenting the Awards.

### **What happens after I enter?**

Upon making your submission you will receive an automated confirmation. If IEBA has any queries with the information and images you have submitted, we will be in touch to clarify things with you.

Finalists will be announced on the IEBA website and Facebook page on Monday 24 March, 2021.

### **Will all entries become finalists?**

Subject to the amount and quality of entries received the judges will determine a shortlist of entries to announce as finalists in an award category.

### **What do I receive if I become a winner or a finalist?**

Award winners will receive a customised trophy and certificate. Their story will be broadcast during the Awards Presentation and via various social media channels after the event. Mainstream media is a possibility, but is at the discretion of the media outlets.

An award winner or finalist will have the opportunity to add that title to their resume or organisational profile and a video record of each

Award Presentation will be available for download by the winners.

IEBA will also publish the list of Award winners via the Boarding Buzz e-newsletter, IEBA website and social media.

### **Do I need to be a member of IEBA to enter?**

All individuals and organisations making a significant contribution to indigenous boarding are eligible to enter.

### **How do I participate in the Awards Presentation?**

The Awards Presentation will be a virtual event. Finalists will be notified on 24 March, 2021 and receive a fact sheet on how to make a short video (less than 1 min) to be incorporated into the Awards Presentation. Additional photographs, video footage and logos may also be requested at this time. These audio video resources will need to be supplied to IEBA by 31 March, 2021.

On Wednesday 5 May (time yet to be announced) there will be a live online broadcast of the Awards Presentation. You will be encouraged to host your own event to watch the presentation.

### **What if I cannot attend the ceremony?**

The full Awards Presentation will be available to watch online from Thursday 6 May, 2021.

### **Submitting supporting information (photos)**

Please select a minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 photographs relevant to the nomination. Please ensure you have permission of the people featured in the photographs as these may be used at the Awards Ceremony and for promotional purposes in print and online.

The preferred file type is a jpg no larger than 2MB. You may submit up to 6 photographs as long as the total of all files combined does not exceed 10MB.

## **Indigenous Boarding Awards Terms and Conditions of Entry**

*By entering the Inaugural Indigenous Boarding Awards, Award entrants ('Entrants') agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions. Failure to abide by these terms and conditions may render an entrant ineligible for the Awards.*

All text and images submitted by the Entrants must be a true and accurate representation of the nominee. Misleading or inaccurate submissions may be disqualified.

Entries close 12noon (CST) Monday 15 March, 2021. Entries received after this time cannot be accepted.

All entries must be submitted via the online awards entry form at the advertised URL. Entries submitted by other means will not be accepted. It is the Entrants responsibility to obtain permission from all parties that appear in photographs submitted for the use of the image for judging and promotional purposes including print and distribution via the world wide web. Award winners may be asked to make themselves available for media and communications activities following the awards.

IEBA reserves the right to not present an award if insufficient entries are received in a particular category.

The judge's decision is final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding the judging process or outcomes.

Entrants must have a significant connection with Indigenous boarding in Australia. IEBA may choose to extend the timelines or alter the terms of entry at any time for any reason at its sole discretion.

The Indigenous Boarding Awards Presentation will be a video package containing images and audio of finalists and winners. All people contributing their image and/or voice consent to the video package remaining online and used in multiple promotional applications in perpetuity.

IEBA reserves the right to change the date and time of the live Awards Presentation, or any other advertised dates and times as required in response to any changed circumstances.

The IEBA website ([www.ieba.com.au](http://www.ieba.com.au)) will be used to publish any updates regarding the Awards.