

SELECTION CRITERIA

WA International Tertiary Student of the Year Award

The **CISWA WA International Tertiary Student of the Year Award** is about recognising the significant contribution that international students make to the Western Australian community.

CISWA are looking to acknowledge an international student, who has demonstrated academic excellence and has contributed to enhancing the student experience both on and off campus.

In selecting the recipient of this award, the student's achievements and contributions during their time as an international student in Australia will be taken into consideration. Additional weight will be given to any activities which promote interaction with domestic students and with the local community.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Currently hold a student visa
- Students enrolled in a higher education degree OR
- Enrolled in a higher education pathway package where the primary degree is Bachelor or above
- If a referee is nominating a student, the student must be notified of the nomination

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Self-nominating:

In 500 words or less provide a summary that addresses the below Selection Criteria:

- Your contributions and achievements
- Do your contributions benefit international students and/or integrate international students with domestic students and/or benefit the local community?
- Describe all community and volunteer work undertaken
- a referee will be required

OR

Nomination by a referee:

In 500 words or less provide a summary that addresses the below Selection Criteria:

- The student's contributions and achievements
- Do their contributions benefit international students and/or integrate international students with domestic students and/or benefit the local community?
- Describe all community and volunteer work undertaken

Judges measure the criteria below:

- Does the student's activities benefit international students and/or integrate international students with domestic students and/or benefit the local community
- Demonstrated academic excellence
- Degree of difficulty of the achievement – possibly in the face of hardship/adversity
- Previous awards and recognition
- Voluntary work beyond paid employment
- Achievements as an individual or as part of a group or organization

REFEREE QUESTIONS

- What is your relationship with the candidate?
- Did you work with the candidate directly?
- Can you confirm the candidate's job title, dates of employment and work duties?
- Can you describe the candidate's work performance/rapport with families and students?
- Was the candidate accountable in performing tasks?
- What are the candidate's strengths and weaknesses?
- What was it like to work with the candidate?
- Why do you think they should win the award?