

TRADESPERSON SCHOLARSHIP



PURPOSE AND RECOGNITION

This award recognises the outstanding achievements of a woman undertaking a trade or trade apprenticeship in the construction or related industries. The winner of this award will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to assist with future education and training in the recipient's field.

ELIGIBILITY

Any woman currently undertaking a trade or trade apprenticeship relevant to the construction or related industries is eligible for this award. Additionally, the individual must be working for an organisation operating in the construction or related industries in New South Wales.

Nominations for this award may be made by the individual themselves or by a third party, provided that the nominee has provided their consent.

NOMINATION ATTACHMENTS

1. Nominee biography (access template [here](#))
2. Letter of endorsement to support nomination (from CEO/Managing Director/Manager/Supervisor)
3. Letter confirming the nominee's employment
4. Letter confirming the nominee's current enrolment or completion of a trade qualification (from TAFE Lecturer/Current Employer/Manager/Supervisor)
5. High quality, professional headshot of the nominee (portrait orientation)
6. An image of the nominee 'in action' (onsite, in the office, with their team etc)

Note: If successful, the nominee must provide a written summary for approval by NAWIC and the Award Sponsor, outlining how the nominee intends to utilise the scholarship. Proposals must be submitted by 30 April 2025 or as otherwise stated by NAWIC. Personal support to the nominee in professional development activities can be listed in the proposal but must not exceed 50% of the total funds (e.g. childcare, respite care of elder, transport, accommodation and food away from home). Funds cannot be used as donations towards other organisations/charities.

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SUBMISSIONS QUESTIONS & WORD COUNT

1. Outline the reasons the nominee was inspired to undertake a trade or trade apprenticeship (max. 300 words)
2. Describe an experience that has supported or inspired the development of the nominee's trade skills (max. 300 words)
3. Outline the nominee's aspirations/goals for future participation in the industry (max. 350 words)
4. Detail what the nominee hopes to achieve if successful in receiving the scholarship funding (max. 200 words)



2023 WINNER | SAMANTHA DECOLONGON, FREDON

An electrical apprentice with engineering firm Fredon, Samantha Decolongon met with skepticism when she made her unconventional career choice. But Samantha's genuine passion for construction has, in her own words, built her "confidence and courage". Samantha is now an ambassador for women in trades, and her involvement in the Girls in Trade Program is inspiring other young women to pursue rewarding careers.



2023 WINNER | STACEY SWETNAM, HARRISON'S LANDSCAPING

After finishing her professional sporting career as a show jumping rider, Stacey Swetnam set up a successful garden maintenance business and then, with a desire to create landscapes rather than maintain them, signed on as a mature age apprentice in landscape construction. She is now inspired to "be the best tradeswoman I can be" and to empower other women to choose trades.



2022 WINNER | ALLYSSA HUDSON, LENDLEASE

A third-year building and construction apprentice with Lendlease, Allyssa Hudson left behind university study for, in her words, the satisfaction of hands-on work and the opportunity to contribute to society. She has since worked on several significant projects while meeting site challenges head on. Allyssa has developed a strong skills base and is working towards a site manager role