

Applications open for 2021 Governor's School STEM Awards

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Applications for the 2021 Governor's School STEM Awards are now open
Awards recognise and celebrate excellence in STEM education
Prizes for both primary and secondary schools, worth up to \$2,000

Schools from across Western Australia are encouraged to apply for the 2021 Governor's School STEM Awards.

The awards highlight best practice teaching and learning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematic (STEM) education.

Recognising educators that take a whole-of-school approach to STEM learning, the awards support the Western Australian Government's STEM skills strategy, Future jobs, future skills, which prioritises increasing student participation in STEM to prepare them for jobs in new and emerging industries.

Since the start of the awards in 2015, outstanding STEM education programs from 25 schools have been awarded a total of \$36,000 in prizes.

In 2020, Brookman Primary School became the first school to be inducted into the Governor's School STEM Awards Hall of Fame, after winning the Leadership Excellence Award for the third year in a row.

This year, two awards will be presented in both the primary and secondary school categories:

Leadership Excellence Award - \$2,000 prize
Meritorious Leadership Award - \$1,000 prize.

Finalists will enjoy a Scitech visit or a DIY science kit with a term of science lessons.

Applications close at 10am on July 26, 2021. Finalists are expected to be announced in September and the awards presented in November 2021.

For more information on how to apply and previous winners, visit <https://www.scitech.org.au/educators/governor-school-stem-awards>

Comments attributed to Science Minister Roger Cook:

"The Governor's School STEM Awards are a chance to recognise and celebrate the best of STEM education in Western Australia.

"Whether they are graduating in 2021 or in 10 years' time, students need solid STEM skills to navigate the career paths of the future.

"Our Future jobs, future skills strategy outlines the Western Australian Government's commitment to building a globally competitive and innovative workforce with the capability to drive the State's technological future and create job opportunities."

Comments attributed to Education and Training Minister Sue Ellery:

"Through our involvement in initiatives like the Governor's School STEM Awards, we are supporting the growth of strong STEM culture in our schools and the wider community.

"Educators hold the key to unlocking bright STEM futures for young Western Australians.

"I encourage all WA schools to consider applying for this year's Governor's School STEM Awards."

Comments attributed to the Hon. Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia:

"Since the awards were started by my predecessor, the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, seven years ago, we have only seen the importance of STEM education grow.

"I hope to see a wide range of schools from around Western Australia enter this year's awards, and look forward to celebrating their achievements at the awards presentation in November."

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