

Nomination Form

Nominations close 28 October 2025

27th Ricci Marks Awards

ELIGIBILITY To be eligible for nomination, the nominee must:

- identify as a First Nations person of Australia
- be aged between 16 and 25 on 1 January 2025
- have lived in Victoria since 1 January 2024
- not be a First Peoples – State Relations employee or elected Victorian Government official.

Are you nominating yourself or someone else?

Myself ☐ Someone else ☐

I have attached the signed Authorisation and consent form (required) ☐

Your details

Full name

Mobile

Email

Who are you nominating?

Title

Full name

Date of birth

Gender and pronouns

What organisation is the nominee part of? (optional)

How do you know them?

Family ☐ Friend ☐ Community ☐

I don't know them personally ☐ Other ☐

If other, explain how

How can we contact the nominee?

Mobile

Email

I don't have their contact details ☐

Which award are you nominating them for?

Ricci Marks Award ☐

Rising Star Award ☐



Please note that any included photos, newspaper articles, magazine clippings, and your written responses to the nomination questions will be stored by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Selection criteria

Ricci Marks Award

- achievements and goals (40%)
- contribution to First Nations and wider Victorian communities (30%)
- how the award will support the nominee (10%)
- demonstrated leadership and initiative (20%).

Rising Star Award

- achievements and goals (30%)
- contribution to First Nations and wider Victorian communities (20%)
- how the award will support the nominee (20%)
- demonstrated promise and potential (30%).

Nomination questions

The questions below apply to both awards.

- What is the nominee's Mob/language group? (*optional*)
- Please write a short (50 word) biography for the nominee that talks about their achievements. If they win the award, the biography will be used on our website, at the event and in other potential awards promotions.
- What are the nominee's future goals? (*maximum 500 words*)
- List any highlights or personal achievements that relate to the award category. (*maximum 500 words*)
- Please include any supporting links, videos or additional information. Supporting documents could include but are not limited to:
 - letters of support
 - photos and/or videos that support your answers to the nomination questions
 - certificates and/or qualifications.

If you would like examples to assist you in completing each of the questions, please read the Nomination Guide at <https://www.firstpeoplesrelations.vic.gov.au/ricci-marks-award>.

Nomination questions

The questions below apply to the Ricci Marks Award.

- How does the nominee contribute to their communities? (*max. 500 words*)
- How would receiving this award help the nominee achieve their goals and promote their projects or work? (*max. 500 words*)
- Please provide a short personal statement explaining why the nominee should receive the Ricci Marks Award, using specific examples that demonstrate leadership and initiative through their achievements and skills. (*max. 500 words*)

Nomination questions

The questions below apply to the Rising Star Award.

- How does the nominee participate in their communities? (*max. 500 words*)
- How would receiving this award help the nominee pursue their goals? (*max. 500 words*)
- Please provide a short personal statement explaining why the nominee should receive the Rising Star Award, highlighting examples of how they continue to work towards their goals. (*max. 250 words*)

Referee details

If you are nominating someone else, you will automatically be the referee and do not need to complete this section. If you would like to provide an additional referee, or if you are nominating yourself, you will need to complete this section. A referee could be a teacher, mentor, coach, member of a First Nations community (e.g. an Elder), peer or someone the nominee works with.

Full name

Please include any post nominals.

Role and organisation

Relationship to the nominee

Mobile

Email

Submitting the nomination

Address your envelope to:

Att: Events team
First Peoples – State Relations
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Level 3, 1 Treasury Place, East Melbourne VIC 3002

Deadline

Nominations close **Tuesday 28 October 2025**.

Make sure your nomination is in the mail before 6pm
Tuesday 28 October 2025.



Contact

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Monday to Friday
9:30 am – 4:30 pm

More information

Visit the First Peoples – State Relations
website for more handy resources to
complete your nomination.

Collection notice

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (the Department) is using the services of Award Force to administer this form. The Department is responsible for ensuring that your personal information is collected, held, used, managed, shared, disclosed and stored in accordance with our privacy policy.

The Department undertakes to treat any personal information provided by you as confidential and in accordance with its obligations under state and federal privacy law, including the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). The personal information you provide, such as your name and email address, and all nomination materials provided including but not limited to; nomination statement, name, likeness, image, voice and/or participation in the awards (including photograph, film and/or recording of the same) will only be used to or purposes directly related to carrying out the Ricci Marks Awards.

If you choose not to or cannot provide this personal information, the nomination will not be able to be progressed to the panel for review.

By starting a nomination, including personal information (as defined in the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)) or where applicable, any health information (as defined in the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic)) provided as part of that nomination, each nominator confirms that he or she consents, and has the consent of any person whose personal information is contained in a nomination, including but not limited to:

- a) the nominee(s) (or if under the age of 18, the nominee's parent or legal guardian); and
- b) referees,

to provide that information to the Department and for the Department to disclose and transfer their personal information to other parties deemed necessary to conduct the awards program, some of which are located outside the state of Victoria. This includes but is not limited to the awards panel, the Minister for Treaty and First Peoples, Mailchimp (for email communications) and Award Force (the online awards platform).

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