

ADF FUTURE INNOVATORS AWARDS

AWARD SELECTION GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA



The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Future Innovators Award has been designed to recognise recipients' science and mathematics abilities while highlighting the value the Navy, Army and Air Force place on STEM skills and STEM career opportunities within Defence.

The awards are a means to formally recognise those students who have demonstrated motivation and innovation in the areas of STEM within their school, and who display strong personal ethical values, such as doing one's best.

Participation in the awards program is open to all Australian schools with students enrolled in Year 10 and/or Year 12. Participation is of course voluntary and at the discretion of individual school principals.

The program supports the presentation of up to two awards to successful students each year from participating schools – one from Year 10 and another from Year 12.

It is recommended that schools identify Future Innovators award recipients in accordance with the attached ADF selection guidelines, which promote the requisite behaviours and attributes expected of future leaders by both the ADF and Australian society.

School principals are strongly encouraged to use a transparent selection process that is equitable and robust under scrutiny, such as selection by committee rather than by an individual.

Where possible, Awards should be presented during school events such as Speech Nights, Presentation events or other appropriate school assemblies. Accordingly, schools are requested to provide the ADF with an opportunity for a member to attend the presentation ceremony, as a representative of the Chief of the Defence Force.

Please note that, where approved to do so, the names of schools with award winners may be made available to local media.

By following the recommended guidelines and selection criteria, schools will help to ensure the ADF Future Innovators Awards continue to be a successful means of recognising and encouraging many of Australia's future leaders along a pathway to success.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

All award recipients must be either:

RESIDENCY

- an Australian Citizen
- an Australian Permanent Resident
- a New Zealand Citizen on an Australian Special Category Visa

ENROLMENT

- Year 10 recipients must be enrolled at the school in Year 10 when they are selected
- Year 12 recipients must be enrolled at the school in Year 12 when they are selected

SELECTION CRITERIA

The criteria below outline the behaviours and attributes expected of Future Innovators Awards recipients.

Award recipients are not required to have shown every behaviour or attribute listed here; however, all award recipients must have demonstrated behaviours and attributes to a level greater than that shown by their peers.

	YEAR 10	YEAR 12
STEM INNOVATION	A student who demonstrates innovation in the learning area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)	A student who demonstrates innovation in the learning area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
STEM MOTIVATION	A student who demonstrates a level of motivation in the learning area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)	A student who demonstrates a level of high-level motivation in the learning area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)