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2026
Victorian
Disability
Awards



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2026 Victorian Disability Awards Nomination guide

About this guide



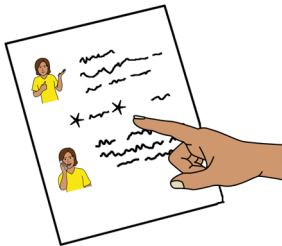
This guide is from the
Department of Families Fairness and Housing.



This guide is written in a way that is easy
to understand.



You can read the full guide on the
[Victorian Disability Awards website](http://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-awards)
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We add a star before and after ***hard words***.
Then we explain what the words mean.



You can ask someone to help you read and
understand this guide.



Contact information is at the end of this guide.

About the *awards*



Awards are prizes for people who do good work.

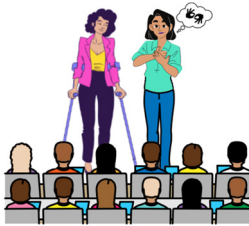


The Victorian Government gives awards to people who support people with disability.



For example, someone who

- works with people with disability to create great services



- makes people think about disability in a good way



- runs programs that everyone can do and enjoy.



We want you to tell us who should win the awards.

Who can win an award?



Awards will be given to

- a person



- a group

- an organisation.

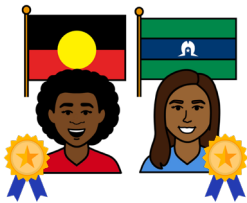
Awards will also be given to people with

***diverse backgrounds*.**



Diverse backgrounds include

- people from different cultures



- First Nations people



- the LGBTIQA+ community



- people of different ages.

What are the awards?



There are 4 types of awards.

1. Disability Pride Champion



This award is for a person who makes change for people with disability.



For example, they might

- help people to feel good about themselves



- show people how to be ***inclusive***
 - inclusive means everyone feels welcome



- get people to celebrate disability and diversity



- find new ways for people with diverse backgrounds to be part of the community.

2. *Advocacy* for People



Advocacy means people speak up for themselves or others.

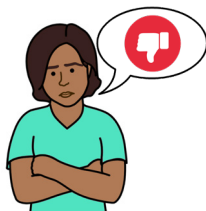


This award is for a person, group or organisation who

- supports people with disability to have their say



- pushes for disability ***rights***
 - rights are things everyone should be able to get, have and do.



For example, they might support people with disability to speak up about

- programs that are not fair



- what must change.

3. Leadership in *Co-design*



Co-design means people with disability work with others to plan products and services.

This award is for a person, group or organisation who

- leads co-design work



- pushes for co-design



- uses co-design to make their products and services better.



For example, they might help organisations to use co-design when planning projects.

4. Lifetime *Achievement*

Achievement means what the person did.

This award is for someone who has

- worked hard to create change for people with disability
- shared stories about what people with disability can do
- supported future leaders in disability
- helped people with disability to be part of their local community.



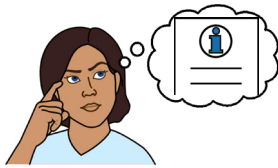
For example, they might have brought people together to make services better for people with disability in the future.

How will the awards be judged?



The awards will be judged on

- how much someone's work helps people with disability
- how well the ***nomination*** fits the award
 - a nomination is information about why someone should win an award.



What should be in the nominations?



All nominations should include

- the achievement
 - you can write up to 100 words



- the ***impact*** and ***examples***
 - impact means how someone has made things better for people with disability
 - examples show what happened
 - you can write up to 450 words.



How to nominate



1. Read this nomination guide



You can visit our website for the full guide and tips for writing your nomination.



2. Think about who you want to nominate



3. Make an online account



Go to the [VDA awards platform website](https://vda.awardsplatform.com)
<https://vda.awardsplatform.com>



You can

- ask someone to help you make an account



- contact us to send nominations in different ways.

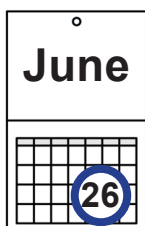


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4. Log in to your account and fill in the form

You can save your form and finish it later.



5. Send the form by 5 pm 26 June 2026



6. If you are a *finalist* you must do a Police Check

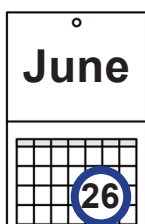


Finalists are people who might get an award.

Important dates



You can nominate people from **19 May 2026**.



Entries close at 5 pm on **26 June 2026**.

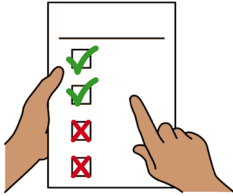


We tell the finalists **late September 2026**.



The awards event will happen in **October 2026**.

Terms and conditions



Terms and conditions are rules you **must** follow.



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You **must** read and understand the rules before you nominate a person or group.



You can ask for help if you need it.

Privacy



We will **not** share people's personal information.



We follow laws about privacy.

The awards event



All finalists will be invited to the awards event in October.



At the event we will

- give out the awards



- celebrate the great work people do.



More information



For more information contact the
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Website

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