NOMINATE NOW FOR TRAINING AWARDS

Students and employers who strive for excellence are being urged to nominate for the prestigious NT Training Awards 2005, Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said today.

Mr Stirling said nominations were now open for the awards, which honour and reward the achievements of the Territory’s apprentices, trainees, vocational education students, Indigenous students, school-based new apprentices, training organisations and employers.

“In order to keep the Territory moving ahead, we need to boost our skills base,” Mr Stirling said.

“That’s why we have injected record spending to get more Territorians into training.

“It is also why it’s so important to celebrate and recognise the efforts of those Territorians involved in vocational education and training through the Training Awards.

“Students who nominate for an award have the chance to win prizes of up to $3000 and a five-day all expenses paid trip to Perth to represent the Northern Territory at the Australian Training Awards.

“Not only are these awards a great way for students to be recognised for their hard work and commitment, it also allows them to meet new contacts and open up exciting job opportunities.

“Employers gain public recognition as an industry leader in training and get to celebrate the achievements of their staff.

“You don’t have to be top of your class to have a go – you just need to be committed to striving for excellence in training.”

This year, there are 11 categories for both students and organisations. Nominations close on 31 May 2005, with the awards presented at a gala dinner in September.

For further information, visit: www.vet.nt.gov.au/awards or contact Teams for Tasks on 8985 4623.

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