

# 2019 AGTA Awards: Guidelines



The Australian Geography Teachers' Association (AGTA) Awards are given biennially for products of Australian origin associated with the teaching of geography in schools.

## A. Categories of Award

Entries are invited in the following categories:

Category	Explanation
Primary school resource (F-6)	Resources could include textbooks, posters, games, etc. which are aimed at the Primary years
Middle school resource (7-10)	Resources could include textbooks, posters, games, etc. which are aimed at the Middle years
Senior school resource (11-12)	Resources could include textbooks, posters, games, brochures, study guides, etc. which are aimed at the Senior years
Digital / Online resource	Resources which are web / app based. Could include websites, iPad apps, etc.
Reference Resources	Resources which have been developed for use across various year levels, eg. atlas', skills books, etc.
Geographic education resource	Resources which are targeted at teachers. Such resources have a focus on geography pedagogy.
Not-for-profit generated resource	Resources produced by NFP organisations. Such resources may have a small cost attached, or be freely available. They may be online resources or hard copy resources. These resources are intended to be supplementary teaching / learning resources and do not include textbooks.

*When entering awards, think carefully about the category which best suits the product being entered.*

NB. If it is believed that the product might be entered in two or more categories, then this should be indicated on the entry form and justified in the statement. An entry fee needs to be paid for each award category the product is entered.

## B. Criteria for Judging the Awards

The primary aim of the Awards is to recognise products which either have made or are likely to make a significant contribution to the teaching of geography in primary and secondary schools. The 'product' means such items as books, slide sets, models, computer software, video and films developed for school use in school and does not exclude the creative development of other products. Judges will take into account:

- The significance of the contribution in each category that the products have made or are likely to make to the quality of geography teaching in Australia.
- The quality of the product in terms of its geographical content, design and presentation and/or production.
- The usefulness and appropriateness of the product in terms of its application in geographical education.
- The originality of the concept or approach on which the product is based.
- The product must have been first published or produced in Australia in the two years- prior to the closing date for entries

*An AGTA Award may not necessarily be given in each category.*

## C: Form of Award

The *AGTA Award Winner* will be presented a citation bearing the emblem of the Association. The Award will be



presented to the author/designer and publisher/manufacturer of the product and, where applicable, permission will be given to the producer or manufacturer to display the Association's endorsement of the product.

A *Highly Commended Certificate* also may be awarded in any category. A Highly Commended Certificate usually will be awarded in a category where no entry is judged worthy of an AGTA Award, but in exceptional circumstances it may be awarded to outstanding entries in those categories where an AGTA Award has been given.

## D: Composition of the Judging Panel

- An independent panel of judges comprises the President of the Association or her/his nominee and no fewer than four judges appointed by the AGTA Board.
- The panel is a broadly-based group with expertise in all aspects of the production of teaching materials and their use in the classroom. The panel will include geography school teachers.
- No person with a conflict of interest with any likely entry has been appointed as a judge.

## E: Rules of Judging

- The decision of the judges will be final and binding. In the event of their being unable to reach a decision or to find an entry of sufficient merit, they may not make an Award in a particular category.

## F: Entry Application

- It is essential that an entry form along with the entry fee for the AGTA Award be lodged with AGTA by the date indicated on the Official Entry.
- Entry forms may be photocopied to meet the entrant's needs.

## G: Format of Entries

- The entrants shall submit two copies of a brief statement containing a clear indication of the nature of the product and its aims.
- The judges will have the right to seek further information from an entrant in verification of any statement submitted.

## H: Submission of Entries

- Registered entrants will be required to forward one copy of the product to the Panel of Judges. Entrants are responsible for the cost of transporting entries for the purpose of judging, or for any cost relating to the insurance of entries during transit.

## I. Closing Date

*The closing date for entries is **Sunday 30 June 2019**.*

## J: Exhibitions and Publicity

- The Association reserves the right to publicise and/or exhibit the prize-winning and other entries at conferences and in the journal



## H: Prize-Winning Announcement and Presentations

- Results of the prize will be announced in the journal of the Association and in the journals/newsletters of the State Associations. All entrants will be advised in writing of the names of the winners of the Awards three weeks after judging.
- The awards will be presented at the 2019 AGTA Conference, 1 – 4 October 2019, Gold Coast, Queensland.

## I: Other Matters

- It is intended that the prize not be restricted to commercial *or* professional producers but that any individual *or* group whose products meet the criteria, may submit entries.
- If requested; products will be returned to the publishers within 30 days of the prize-winning announcement and presentation. The costs involved will be borne by the entrants.
- It shall be the responsibility of the entrants, if they do desire, to protect their product by copyright or patent application.

*For further information, contact the Convenors, 2019 AGTA Awards*

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