



2010 Awards Terms & Conditions

Who can apply?

1. Applications are open to all schools within Australia. A school refers to any primary or secondary school or combined P-12/K-12/R-12 school in the State, Catholic or Independent sectors and special schools.
2. Applications must be submitted by a representative of the school (or lead school), with contact details of both the Principal of the school and a senior member of the main Partner Organisation.
3. School-community partnerships must have at least one 'non-school' or community partner. Applications will not be considered if there is no 'non-school' partner. For the purposes of 2010 Schools First Awards: a community partner is defined as a group or organisation outside the school. It can be a business, a not-for-profit organisation or a community group. It does not include parent groups (who are considered to be part of the school), other schools or School Councils.

How to apply

4. Applications must be submitted online on the official Schools First website. This includes: the online cover page, the application form and any support material. Schools will also be required to complete a checklist to indicate compliance with the Terms and Conditions.
5. Applications will be accepted from 9.00am on Monday, 28 June 2010 until 5.00pm on Friday, 30 July 2010 (Australian Eastern Standard Time) via online submission only.
6. Schools have the right to withdraw their application at any time until the application closing time and date of 5.00pm on Friday, 30 July 2010. Notification of withdrawal can be done via fax to ACER (03) 9277 5500 or by email to info@schoolsfirst.edu.au. It must be received before the closing time and date.
7. School-community partnerships will be judged based on the eligibility criteria of the Schools First Awards, listed at Condition 12 and Condition 17.
8. Schools may submit multiple applications in the same year in the same category for different community partnerships, but will only be eligible for an award in either the Impact or Seed Funding category in any one year. If deemed eligible for an award in both categories in the same year, the school will be awarded the Impact Award and deemed ineligible for the Seed Funding Award.
9. In the interests of fairness, 2009 Impact Award winning schools cannot apply for an Impact or a Seed Funding Award in 2010. 2009 Seed Funding Award winning schools cannot re-apply for another Seed Funding Award in 2010 but *are* eligible to apply for an Impact Award.





10. 2009 Impact Award winning schools and Seed Funding Award winning schools can re-apply with a new partner in any category in 2011.
11. There is no restriction on non-school partners and they are eligible to apply for partnerships with different schools in the following year.

Impact Awards

12. Schools wishing to apply for an Impact Award will need to demonstrate that:
 - The partnership was set up to address an identified need or opportunity that would benefit students.
 - A plan was developed with each partner contributing to the plan.
 - A program was successfully implemented.
 - Students have benefited from the program.
 - The partnership has become part of the culture and planning activities of each partner.
13. Schools First will award a maximum of sixty (60) local Impact Awards of \$50,000 each. There will be eight (8) State/Territory Impact Awards of \$100,000 each and one (1) National Impact Award of up to \$500,000.
14. In addition to demonstrating excellence in the five awards criteria, schools must also indicate on the application form their intended use of the \$50,000 that aligns with the purpose of the Schools First Awards (see Condition 26) to be deemed eligible for a Local Impact Award.
15. Schools that have been identified as State/Territory Impact Award finalists, based on the awards criteria, will be required to provide additional information regarding their intended use of the award money. This information will be in the form of a one page template available on the website. Schools that cannot demonstrate how their intended use of the award money aligns with the purpose of the Schools First Awards will be deemed ineligible for a State/Territory Impact Award and eligible for a Local Impact Award only. The next highest ranked school will subsequently be considered for the State/Territory Impact Award.
16. Finalists for the State/Territory Impact Awards will receive a site visit to verify the content of their application.

Seed Funding Awards

17. Schools wishing to apply for a Seed Funding Award will need to demonstrate that:
 - The partnership is being set up to address an identified need or opportunity that will benefit students.
 - A plan is being developed with each partner contributing to the plan.
 - A well-organised program will be implemented.





- Students will benefit from the program.
- The partnership will become part of the culture and planning activities of each partner organisation.

18. In 2010, Schools First will award a maximum of 40 Seed Funding Awards of \$25,000 each.

19. In addition to demonstrating excellence in the five awards criteria, schools must also indicate on the application form their intended use of the \$25,000 that aligns with the purpose of the Schools First Awards (see Condition 26) to be eligible for a Seed Funding Award.

Judging

20. The judging panel reserves the right to verify the content provided in any of the applications received.

21. Members of the judging panel will maintain the confidentiality of the content of each application.

22. All decisions by the judging panel and the Schools First Board regarding eligibility and awards allocation are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

23. Schools First reserves the right to not award the full complement of awards in any one year if it is deemed that the criteria have not been fully met.

24. Award winners will be announced in September and October 2010.

25. Award ceremonies will be held in October and November 2010.

Award Funding

26. Any monetary award received through the 2010 Schools First Awards program is to be used to strengthen the existing partnership(s) and/or develop a new partnership that is designed to meet an identified need relating to student outcomes and/or promote good practice around school-community partnerships to benefit students. Award money is not to be used for any purpose not directly related to improving school-community partnerships.

27. Award winning schools will be required to provide bi-annual reports to Schools First on the use of award funding for the purposes of tracking the success of the Schools First Awards.

28. Schools First reserves the right to cease funding for any award winning schools deemed not to have utilised the award money as set out in Condition 26.

29. In the event that a community partner ceases to exist, Schools First reserves the right to work with the winning school and reallocate the funds appropriately. This may mean working with the school to find a new partner and if this is not possible, a decision will be made by the Schools First team on how best to progress.





Use of Image and Details

30. All applications become the property of the Schools First Board and National Australia Bank (NAB) Limited upon submission and will not be returned. Application content, including names and contact details, will only be used for marketing, publicity or promotional purposes by the Schools First Board, NAB or their nominated representatives after written permission has been sought and received from each individual, whose contact details are being published. Such usage may include the Schools First website, participating in public relations opportunities and coverage in press, radio, television and online media.
31. In accepting these Terms and Conditions, representatives of the school (including teachers, students and parents) and partnership organisation(s) may be filmed and photographed, once all education authority protocols have been complied with (including parental permission in the case of students).
32. Winning schools may be required to participate in media interviews and other Schools First Awards related promotional activities. Permission for the use of any quotes, images or case studies in which students are identifiable must have been gained from the relevant parties by the school prior to inclusion in an application.

Privacy Policy

33. Applicants must agree to accept the terms of the Schools First Privacy Policy which can be found at www.schoolsfirst.edu.au/sf-general-pages/privacy.phps.

