



**INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
AWARDS FOR ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS!**

**2025 YBMA**

**Choose from 6 categories:  
Innovation, Community, Sustainability,  
Start Up Business, Business Idea, STEAM.  
WIN cash + mentorship + HunterIF tix**



Entries  
due  
Oct 26



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# Innovation Award

An idea that is so original/out of the box we can't believe you thought of it! Something that could have global impact- think big for this one!



# Community Project

We are looking for something that will improve the lives of our local community, whether it is up and running now and we can see its positive benefits - or an idea for something that should be happening in the Hunter.



# Sustainability Award

Step lightly on the earth and think of something feasible to implement that will help our local environment.





# Start up Business

Got a business already up and running? Pitch it to us!



# Business Idea

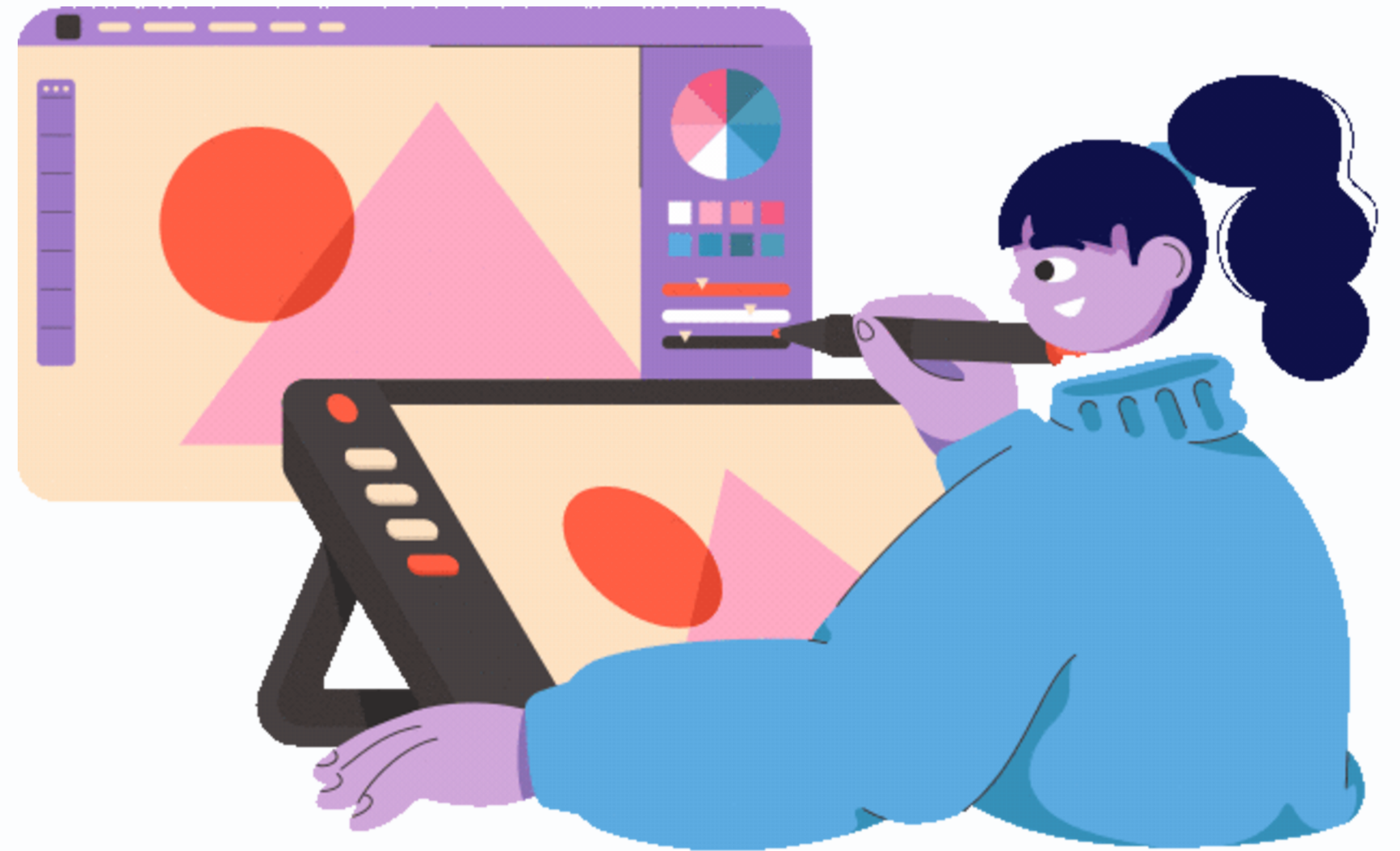
An original concept or idea for a business that has mass appeal. Think of a creative solution to a problem that we will all want to buy from you!



# STEAM Award

This is for the best product or prototype that is designed or engineered and could be manufactured or handmade.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.



# Teacher Innovation

Recognising teachers for their most innovative school project, process or educational initiative in the classroom.





# ADDITIONAL AWARDS

## **Primary School Award**

Just for the under 13's – enter into any category. You can also take out the other prizes as well!

## **Most Creative Video**

Wow us with your videography skills and be creative with your pitch!

## **Encouragement Award**

This will be awarded to a person or team that we think deserves to be acknowledged for their fabulous attempt!

## **Young Business Mind of the Year**

This award goes to the absolute standout of the competition!

# PRIZES!



## School or Independent?

Participants in 2025 are required to specify if they are entering as part of their school or independently of school. If they are entering as part of their school, the school will win cash and a school trophy, if they are entering independently, the school will not receive any prizes.

## Hunter Innovation Festival

Winners from secondary schools will also be given the opportunity to attend the Hunter Innovation Festival in 2026.

## Mentorship

All winners will be given the opportunity to be mentored by industry professionals appropriate to their project over the course of the next 12 months.

# PRIZES!

Category	School Prize	Student/s Prize	Independent Student Prize (No School Prizes)
Innovation	\$200 + school trophy	\$50 + certificate + medallion	\$100 + trophy + certificate
Community Project	\$200 + school trophy	\$50 + certificate + medallion	\$100 + trophy + certificate
Sustainability Award	\$200 + school trophy	\$50 + certificate + medallion	\$100 + trophy + certificate
StartUp Business	\$200 + school trophy	\$50 + certificate + medallion	\$100 + trophy + certificate
Business Idea	\$200 + school trophy	\$50 + certificate + medallion	\$100 + trophy + certificate
STEAM Award	\$200 + school trophy	\$50 + certificate + medallion	\$100 + trophy + certificate
Additional Primary School Award	\$200 + school trophy	\$50 + certificate + medallion	\$50 + certificate + medallion
Most Creative Video		\$50 + certificate + medallion	\$50 + certificate + medallion
Encouragement Award		\$50 + certificate + medallion	\$50 + certificate + medallion
Teacher Award			\$200 + certificate + medallion
YBM of the Year	\$200 + school trophy	\$200 + certificate + medallion	\$200 + certificate + trophy

# STEPS TO ENTER:

1

🔥 Explore the online resources to learn more about categories, business models, how to pitch & idea creation.  
🔥 HOT TIP - Watch videos from past winners.

2

🔥 Create your BIG IDEA, practice your pitch and film your 2 – 4 min video.  
🔥 HOT TIP - Upload to Youtube so it's easy to send a link.

3

🔥 Enter your BIG IDEA into the awards before 26 Oct.  
🔥 HOT TIP - Don't leave it til the last minute!

4

🔥 Attend the awards ceremony in November to find out if you've won!  
🔥 HOT TIP - you're a winner just by entering!





**Get started on your  
BIG IDEA now!**



**Check out the resources on our website at:  
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