



Over the past two decades the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) has established itself as a highly successful industry-led education initiative. As the education arm of the Queensland Resources Council (QRC), the QMEA has played a pivotal role in inspiring and preparing over 60 000 Queensland students to pursue careers in the resources and energy sectors. Established in 2005 with 18 schools, the QMEA now has a network of 100 schools across Queensland supported by funding from QRC members, the Queensland Government and 24 industry sponsors. Over the next three years it will continue to expand with the addition of 50 new schools across three regional hubs with the support of the Queensland Government.

QMEA 20-year celebration awards

The QMEA will celebrate its 20th year with a special series of awards to be presented at a milestone event on Tuesday 2 September 2025.

The QMEA 20-year awards present an opportunity to celebrate the students, educators, schools and alumni students who have been impacted by the QMEA over the past two decades. Award winners will be acknowledged for their engagement with the QMEA and receive a one-off financial reward and industry recognition. Awardees will also receive an invitation to attend the awards celebration event - a high tea at the Stamford Plaza in Brisbane on Tuesday 2 September 2025. Travel and accommodation will be part of the award package for winners outside the Brisbane area.

If you have engaged with the QMEA as a student, educator or school - send in your application now and become part of the QMEA legacy during our 20th year.

To find out more and apply go to:
<https://www.judgify.me/QMEA-20-Year-Awards>

Applications close: Wednesday 6 August 2025



Award categories

The QMEA's 20-year awards are an opportunity to celebrate alumni and current students, educators, and schools who are part of the QMEA's story and success.

Oresome Alumni awards (4 awards)

For current university students undertaking science, technology, engineering or maths (STEM) studies that will lead to a career in the resources sector. Applicants need to have previously attended a QMEA school.

Powerful teacher awards (2 awards)

For educators who have taught, or are currently teaching, at a QMEA school and demonstrate a commitment to engaging with the QMEA and inspiring students to follow VET or STEM pathways into the resources sector.

Current students awards (2 awards)

For students currently in Year 10 or Year 11 at a QMEA school. Applicants need to be studying either trade (VET) or science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects with the intention of joining the resources sector as an apprentice or in a professional role after school.

QMEA school award (1 award)

For a current QMEA school who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, commitment to the QMEA and created real outcomes for students keen to pursue a future career in the resources sector.

All award winners will receive a trophy, a one-off financial bursary and travel support (if outside SEQ) to attend the award presentation event in Brisbane on Tuesday 2 September.



Note: The QMEA reserves the right to not issue an award if there are no suitable applicants.