

# Community Languages Ambassador Program

The Community Languages Ambassador Program is administered by the Department of Education's Community Languages Schools Program and aims to promote the benefits of learning a language, enhance the quality of teaching in community languages schools and introduce incentives for students to continue learning a community language.

The program acknowledges the achievements of outstanding community representatives across a range of community languages and promotes the benefits of studying a community language and how it contributes to achieving personal goals.

Ambassadors will be community role models, chosen by local communities because of their achievements and experiences in learning and studying a community language. They will participate in community languages events across a range of languages and promote the benefits of learning a community language.

New Ambassadors will be announced at the NSW Community Languages Schools Program's annual Minister's Awards in September of current year.

## **An Ambassador:**

- Must be over the age of 18 and have previously attended a current community language school in NSW that is funded by the Program.
- Can be a current teacher and have previously attended a current community language school in NSW that is funded by the Program.
- Cannot be a current student.
- Should be a confident public speaker, organised, motivated and have a passion for language learning.
- Should be willing to participate in community languages events for one year.
- Should be willing to promote the benefits of learning a community language.
- Will be invited to attend the Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement - Community Languages Schools in September of current year.

## How to nominate

- Complete the nomination form including a statement of **no more than 250 words** outlining the nominee's significant contribution to the community using their community language skills.
- Nominee must sign the agreement on **page 3** of the nomination form.
- Include relevant information about the nominee such as:
  - positions held, activities undertaken and dates of service.
  - statement explaining why the nominated person should be chosen as an ambassador for community languages schools.
- Only **ONE** nomination per community organisation will be accepted.
- Nominations close **5pm on 30 June**. Late nominations cannot be considered.
- Email completed nominations to [commlang@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:commlang@det.nsw.edu.au).
- Eligible nominees may be asked to attend an interview.

# Community Languages Ambassador Program Nomination Form

## Details of nominee

Title	
Surname of nominee	
Given name/s of nominee	
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Occupation	
Company / Institution	
Job title / course studying	
Phone number	
Email	
Is the nominee an Australian citizen / permanent resident?	
Community language school attended	
Year/s attended	
Community language school address	
Community language school phone number	

### NOMINEE TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION

If selected, I agree to fulfil the following obligations of the Community Languages Ambassador Program to the best of my ability:

- Participate in community languages events for one year.
- Promote the benefits of learning a community language.
- Attend the Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement Community Languages Schools in September of current year.
- Provide a photograph and written profile for the Community Languages Schools Program website.

I declare all information on the form is accurate and true. I understand that being nominated does not guarantee that I will become an ambassador.

Signature of nominee		Date	
If digital signature is not available, complete the form, print and then sign.			

**Name of first person nominating (must be a current teacher or committee member)**

<b>Title</b>	
<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Given name/s</b>	
<b>Date of birth</b>	
<b>Phone number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Community language school</b>	
<b>Current position in community language school</b>	
<b>Community language school address</b>	
<b>Community language school phone number</b>	
<b>Relationship to the nominee</b>	

<b>Signature of first person nominating</b>		<b>Date</b>	
If digital signature is not available, complete the form, print and then sign.			

**Name of second person nominating (must be a current teacher or committee member)**

<b>Title</b>	
<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Given name/s</b>	
<b>Date of birth</b>	
<b>Phone number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Community language school</b>	
<b>Current position in community language school</b>	
<b>Community language school address</b>	
<b>Community language school phone number</b>	
<b>Relationship to the nominee</b>	

<b>Signature of second person nominating</b>		<b>Date</b>	
If digital signature is not available, complete the form, print and then sign.			

## PERSON NOMINATING THE COMMUNITY LANGUAGES AMBASSADOR TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION

In the space provided please give details of how the nominee has made a significant contribution to the community using their community language skills, including any positions held/activities undertaken, together with dates of service. Also include a statement in your own words about why you think the person should be chosen as an ambassador for community languages schools. **Your statement should be no more than 250 words.**

As a guide, you may wish to consider some of the following questions:

- In what role(s) or area(s) has the nominee excelled?
- In what ways has the nominee used their community language skills?
- How has the nominee demonstrated services worthy of recognition?
- How has the nominee's contribution impacted a particular field, locality, group or community at large?
- Over what period of time has the nominee made a major commitment? If possible, include dates of service.
- Has the nominee's contribution been recognised elsewhere (e.g., in the media, by other awards, professional/interest groups or through local government)? What makes this person stand out from others?