

# Enter the Young Cassowary Awards!

Students do a great job learning about our World Heritage forests and looking after them. For the first time, a special award will recognise these efforts.

## What are the Cassowary Awards?

Each year Cassowary Awards have been given to adults including:

- scientists
- Aboriginal people
- conservation groups
- tour operators
- farmers

They are very different people, but they have all helped the World Heritage Area in their own way. This year, there will be a special “**Young Cassowary Award**”.

## Who can enter the Young Cassowary Awards?

An individual student, a group of students, a class, a school grade, or even a whole school. Primary and secondary schools anywhere in Australia are welcome to enter, but schools between Townsville and Cooktown are especially encouraged to take part.

## What sort of projects would qualify?

Your school may already have a project that deserves an award, or you can come up with a new idea. It could be:

- a rainforest tree planting project
- a science experiment
- weed control
- a video, poster or mural about the rainforest
- raising money for endangered species
- a community education campaign
- a research project
- rubbish collection or recycling

## Who chooses the winning award?

Staff from Education Queensland and “The Cairns Post” will shortlist the finalists and the Wet Tropics Board of Directors will choose the winning entry. (The Board may award more than one entry if there are several outstanding projects.)

## What do you get if you win an award?

- The school will receive a cassowary sculpture donated by “The Cairns Post”.
- Students will receive a special prize donated by the tourism industry.
- Winners will be invited to a special awards ceremony with over 100 VIP guests.
- You will join an elite group of outstanding achievers promoted in the media and on the Authority’s website.

## When do nominations close?

Fill out the nomination form on the back and return it by Friday 23rd September 2005. Winners will be announced in late October. For more information contact the Wet Tropics Management Authority: [www.wettropics.gov.au](http://www.wettropics.gov.au) or email [info@wettropics.gov.au](mailto:info@wettropics.gov.au) or ph: (07) 40520535.

