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Inspiring efforts rewarded

AN INSPIRATIONAL young man has been recognised for his outstanding achievements in training, education and employment as a young person living with a disability.

Mark Alvarez won the Samantha Sophia Ramsey Memorial Award, and a \$2000 grant towards TAFE or RTO fees to advance his education and training.

Mr Alvarez, 20, diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and cerebral palsy, has participated in community programs and works at The Bridge Works in Dandenong.

The Skilling Australia Foundation, which hands out the award in memory of director Sophia Ramsey's daughter, Samantha, who died in August 2015, said Mr Alvarez was a "standout candidate".



Samantha Sophia Ramsey Memorial Award winner Mark Alvarez at his workplace, The Bridge Works. Picture: DAVID SMITH