

YES Alumni Awards – Eligibility, Criteria and T&Cs

Purpose

The purpose of the awards is to celebrate the achievements of the incredible people who have participated in our programmes over the years.

For the alumni, our goal is to acknowledge their success, make them feel special and to keep them connected to Young Enterprise. In sharing their stories, we hope to demonstrate our impact to our wider stakeholder group.

Eligibility

- ***'One to Watch' Alumni***– An alumnus/a of a YE programme in the last five years, who has demonstrated a passion for business and/or entrepreneurship. This could include (but is not limited to):
 - By founding a company
 - By contributing to an existing company
 - By actively engaging in the entrepreneurial ecosystem
- ***Emerging Alumni***– An alumnus/a of a YE programme, who has made a clear contribution to business, preferably with value to New Zealand. The contribution could include (but is not limited to):
 - Founding their own company or companies
 - The use of their entrepreneurial skills to grow / contribute to an existing business
- ***Distinguished Alumni***– An alumnus/a of a YE programme, who has had a noticeable impact on business over a minimum of 15 years, preferably with significant value to New Zealand.

Judging Criteria

The independent judging panel will assess applicants using the following criteria:

'One to Watch'	Emerging	Distinguished
<p>1. Observable entrepreneurial or business activity in one or more of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a company they have founded ii. an existing company iii. the entrepreneurial / business ecosystem <p>2. Passion for what they do</p> <p>3. Potential to make an impact in the entrepreneurial ecosystem / business world</p>	<p>1. Demonstrable positive contribution to the business world</p> <p>2. Contribution to the social and/or economic development of NZ.</p> <p>3. Has made a noticeable impact in the entrepreneurial ecosystem / business world</p>	<p>1. Over 15 years of positively contributing to the business world</p> <p>2. Significant contribution to the social and/or economic development of NZ.</p> <p>3. Has made a noteworthy impact in the entrepreneurial ecosystem / business world</p>

Nomination process

- Marketing will be in the form of a campaign advertising on social media, including email communications with our stakeholders (includes alumni, sponsors, teachers and supporters).
- Nominations will be captured on an online form.
- Nominations can carry forward from one year to the next, if the judging panel deems the recipient worthy of future consideration.
- If someone is a finalist in any category, then there is a stand-down period of one year before they can be considered again.

Nomination Terms & Conditions

Submission of a nomination, or consent to proceed to nomination, constitutes acceptance of the following terms and conditions:

- To be eligible to enter the YES Alumni of the Year Awards (the "Awards"), candidates must have participated in a Young Enterprise programme while they were in school in New Zealand and consent to being named as a YES alumnus or YES alumna;

- Staff members (including permanent employees as well as contractors), Board Members and Council Members of Young Enterprise are not eligible for nomination;
- Staff members employed by a third party as a YES Regional Coordinator are not eligible for nomination;
- Candidates not selected as winners agree to have their nomination automatically carried forward for consideration in future years;
- Nominations close on **Wednesday 25 September 2019** and any entries submitted after this time will be held over for consideration in following years;
- Nominations must be submitted on the entry form and all fields must be completed;
- Candidates may self-nominate or may be nominated by a third party;
- Where a third party is nominating a candidate, the third party must obtain the consent of the person they are nominating prior to submitting the entry form. Following submission of the nomination, the candidate will receive an email requiring them to confirm their consent to nomination, including (a) their agreement to these Terms and Conditions; and (b) their agreement to their referees being contacted for verification purposes;
- The judging panel and its representatives reserve the right to verify nominations in each category including but not limited to requesting further information or by contacting referees;
- The finalists of each category will be announced on **Friday 18 October 2019** with overall winners being announced at the YES National Awards in Wellington on **Wednesday 4 December 2019**;
- The winner, and the two finalists, of the Distinguished Alumni Award will be told of the judges' decision prior to the YES National Awards. They will be requested not to make this information known until after the Awards.
- Information provided in entries (including any photo provided) may be made publicly available and may also feature in editorial coverage from September through to December 2019. By providing a photograph in an application the candidate warrants that they are either the owner of the photograph or are authorised to provide the photograph for use in relation to the Awards; and

- All decisions made by the judging panel are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- For enquiries about eligibility or other questions relating to the Awards, please contact colin.kennedy@youngenterprise.org.nz