



SCNZ Apprentice of the Year Award 2019

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The SCNZ Apprentice of the Year, in association with award sponsor Weldwell and industry training partner Competenz, celebrates excellence amongst apprentice fabricators and casts a spotlight on careers in the structural steel industry. The Award acknowledges people whose skills, drive, and willingness to learn and work hard has helped them to achieve outstanding outcomes; it recognises well-rounded apprentices who demonstrate not only talent in steel fabrication, but display traits important to the industry – commitment, innovation and agility.

Why enter?

- The winner will be presented with a trophy, certificate and \$1,000 in prize money
- Take the opportunity to pit yourself against your peers and see how you measure up
- Gain recognition for your skills and commitment
- Foster confidence in yourself and your abilities
- Network with industry people
- All finalists will receive a letter of congratulations and a certificate of encouragement for their efforts

Who's eligible?

Entrants must:

- be employed by an SCNZ Full Member at the time of judging
- have completed their apprenticeship in the period between 1st January 2018 and 30th June 2019.
- be available to attend the Awards Presentation and Dinner on September 13th in Wellington.

(Please note there is no age limit for this award)

Judging process

Judging occurs in two stages during. The four-member judging panel comprises a fabricator, and a representative each from award sponsor Weldwell, industry training partner Competenz, and the Heavy Engineering Research Association NZ Welding Centre. SCNZ will chair the panel but will not participate in judging.



Stage 1 – Select Finalists

All candidates will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Entry submission – To be completed by the Employer>
 - Personal, employment and apprenticeship training details.
 - A short statement explaining why your Apprentice should be the 2019 SCNZ Apprentice of the Year.
 - Details of a project the Apprentice is currently working on or have completed during training.
 - Employer and Education and Training Coordinator's details.
 - Entrants will need to give permission for training progress information to be made available to the judging panel.
- Preliminary interview via phone/skype or further details on projects, training progress etc maybe be asked for if required.

Stage 2 – Select Winner

Finalists selected following stage one will be judged on the following:

- Face-to-face interview.
- Practical skills exercise on the day of the face-to-face interview.

Important dates

- 10th December 2018: Entries open.
- 5th July 2019: Entries close.
- Mid/late July: Preliminary judging.
- Early August: Finalists notified, and face-to-face interviews / practical skills exercise arranged.
- Late August: Face-to-face interviews and practical testing.
- 13th September: Awards Presentation and Dinner, Wellington.

How to enter

Download and complete the official 2019 entry form, attach all relevant material and email to rebecca.symonds@scnz.org or darren.o'riley@scnz.org by 5pm on 5th July.



Terms and conditions:

- Entrants must have completed their apprenticeship in the in the period between 1st January 2018 and 30th June 2019 and be endorsed by their employer.
- Entrants must be available to attend the Awards Presentation and Dinner on 13th September in Wellington.
- *SCNZ will cover all finalists' travel and accommodation expenses associated with attending the final judging.*
- *The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.*

Meet our sponsors and partners

The SCNZ Apprentice of the Year Award acknowledges and is grateful for the support of its sponsors and partners:

Award Sponsor – Weldwell



Industry Training Partner – Competenz

