

Apprentice of the Year 2023

Criteria and Process

The Apprentice of the Year is available to those that are employed by a sign business registered with Competenz Te Pukenga. An Apprentice may apply for this award in their final year of their apprenticeship, however entry must be with consent and knowledge of their employer. The employer also must commit to a verbal or written interview upon request from an NZSDA Representative.

Applications for Apprentice of the Year may be received from 31st March 2023. All applications must be in the hands of the Secretary upon the nominated closing date.

The decision of the winner is made by the NZ Sign Awards Judges together with recommendations from the Executive Board of New Zealand Sign and Display Association and Competenz Te Pukenga Representatives.

To Apply

Submit in PDF format and via dropbox a portfolio comprising of the following elements of work flow on:

- Bio and Headshot
- Submit three projects that were completed from beginning to end that encompass all elements of workflow that a sign maker would be involved in for Design, Application, Installation
- Examples of customer engagement and communication during the process of each project would be an advantage to include in submission but not compulsory. Consider documenting how contact was made ie. phone call, in person or via email and also followups. If there were any issues with design and how this was rectified to satisfy the customer and the final outcome of the project and if the customers expectations were met.
- Collate your design ideas into stages from preliminary drawings through to final designs and how they were implemented and what elements were required to make this a successful design. ie. fabrication, application or installation etc.
- It is vital to include images for each project showing your work process and the elements used to create the designs.
- Any additional information that may be beneficial to application would be very helpful. Possible documents could include a reference from the customer, or supplier you dealt with during the process.

Prizes

One Prize, winner takes all, valued at \$4,000

- Computaleta training scholarship – valued at \$3,000 to go towards furthering career, e.g. courses, laptop, or travel to industry conferences, workshops or expos.
- Attendance to the NZ Sign Display Awards. Includes travel and Accommodation for apprentice and employer, valued at \$1,000
- Framed award certificate and medal for apprentice and employer.