



REGISTERED MASTER LANDSCAPERS YOUNG LANDSCAPER OF THE YEAR 2022



Entry Guide

2022 Entries Now Open

The competition offers significant opportunities for young, motivated landscapers to showcase their skills and compete alongside the best emerging landscape professionals to become the New Zealand Young Landscaper of the Year 2022.

Open to young landscapers throughout New Zealand, entrants do not have to be working for a Registered Master Landscaper to enter the competition.

Competitors will take part in both written and practical activities day on Friday 26th August in Auckland. Award winners will be announced at our Awards Gala Dinner on 27th August 2022, Hilton Hotel, Auckland, where the industry comes together to celebrate and support the outstanding achievements of Landscapes of Distinction Award entrants as well as announcing the winner of the Young Landscaper of the Year 2022 Competition.

Why enter?

- See how you measure up against your peers
- Gain industry recognition for your skills and commitment
- Increase your profile within the landscape industry
- Learn new skills, gain confidence and progress your career development
- Network with other young landscapers within the industry
- Win great prizes!
- The winner of the Young Landscaper of the Year 2022, will progress through to represent Registered Master Landscapers at the 2022 Young Horticulturist of the Year Competition, gaining more amazing career advancement opportunities and prizes.

Who is eligible to enter?

Entrants must:

- Be working in the landscape industry for a minimum of 3 years.
- Be 30 years of age or under at 31st December 2022 (This is a requirement of The Young Horticulturist competition to which the winner progresses after winning the Young Landscaper of the Year).
- Candidates shortlisted must be prepared to participate in the Young Landscaper of the Year finals in Auckland on 26th August as well as attending the Awards dinner, Hilton Hotel on 27th August 2022 in Auckland.
- The winner must also be available to take part in the Grand Final of the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition 8th & 9th November 2022 and attend the Gala dinner date TBC

Key Dates 2022

13 th May	Entry to competition opens
30 th June	Entry to competition closes 5:00 pm
14 th July	Finalists announced
26 th August	Competition Day: Practical/ Interviews/ written tests
27 th August	AWARDS GALA DINNER - WINNER ANNOUNCED, Hilton Hotel, Auckland. All finalists are required to attend
8 th - 9 th Nov	WINNER competes in 2022 Young Horticulturist Competition, Auckland

Prizes

The overall winner is the competitor with the highest overall score achieved on competition day

- 1st Place \$2,500 cash prize
- 2nd Place \$1,500 cash prize

Outstanding Achievement Awards

In addition, finalists will compete on the day for recognition of outstanding achievement in the following categories

Outstanding Achievement in Construction and Practical Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This Award recognizes a competitor who has demonstrated exceptional skills across practical tasks in landscaping
Outstanding Achievement Emerging Leader Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This Award recognizes an inspirational competitor who has demonstrated exceptional entrepreneurial spirit, innovation and/ or social/ environmental responsibility in the workplace
Outstanding Achievement Excellence in Innovation Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This Award recognizes an outstanding competitor who has demonstrated significant contribution to their workplace through the introduction or improvement of a workplace-based technology, process or service.
Career Development Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This Award recognizes an outstanding competitor who has demonstrated exceptional business operation and customer service skills
Outstanding Achievement in Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This Award recognizes an outstanding competitor who has demonstrated excellence in the development of content and delivery of their Landscape of the Year speech to Panel Judges

All Finalists will receive

- One Year Affiliate Membership to Registered Master Landscapers.

What happens next?

Stage 1 – Complete Your Entry

Entries are open from 13th May to June 30th.

Entrants must complete the entry form and submit by email to business@masterlandscapers.org.nz by no later than 5pm Thursday 30th June 2022. No late entries will be accepted.

Entry form must be completed and signed by both the employer and entrant.

Entrants may be contacted for further information on workplace experience and training progress if required, by the Registered Master Landscapers Judging panel.

If you require additional space to complete questions on the entry form, you may include supporting attachments

A \$50 non-refundable application fee is due for each entry.

There is no limit on the number of entrants from any one company.

Stage 2 - Finalists Selected

10 Finalists will be selected from the submitted entries to move forward to compete for the 2022 Young Landscaper of the Year. During the week commencing **11th July**, entrants and their employers will be contacted by email to confirm if successful in progressing through to the finals.

Selection Process

Judges will consider attitude to work, maturity, personal development, and overall skills to identify finalists. They also consider the following:

- Work ethic
- Communication skills and personal presentation
- Ability to follow instructions
- Industry knowledge
- Ability to work unsupervised
- Understanding of work, health & safety practice
- Relationships with fellow workers, suppliers, and clients
- Training and study achievements

Finalists will be sent an information pack with the competitors' programme **3 weeks** prior to the competition. The information pack will include a brief on a 3-minute speech topic to be prepared and then presented by the finalist

Stage 3 - Competition Day

Finalists will compete in **Auckland on 26th August 2022**. Competitors will take part across the day in both written and practical activities.

This competition requires competitors to showcase their skills across a number of technical and written skill areas, planning and material management. Competitors will be assessed against the following criteria:

- A written test, covering general knowledge questions on the landscape sector, health and safety in the workplace and preparation of a costing / estimate for a job.
- Face to face interview including a 3-minute speech.
- Practical skills exercises. These can be expected to include some elements showing competency associated with the implementation of a landscape design.

These may include, but are not limited to:

- Profile set out
- Irrigation exercise
- Plant identification
- Paving exercise
- Weed identification
- Lawn preparation
- Planting demonstration
- Small digger operation / maintenance

Award Winners Announced

On Saturday 27th August 2022 finalists will attend the Landscapes of Distinction Awards Gala Dinner at the Hilton Hotel, Auckland where the prizes will be awarded.

The Young Landscaper of the Year 2022 will then proceed as a finalist representing Registered Master Landscapers at the 2022 Young Horticulturist Competition.

Entrant Terms and Conditions

- The number of finalists will be limited to a maximum of 10.
- You do not have to be working for a Registered Master Landscaper to enter the competition.
- Entrants must be 30 years of age or under on 31 December 2022. Entrants must have a minimum of three years' practical experience and currently be working full time in the landscape sector.
- You must ensure that all details provided in the entry form are correct and that you have read and understood the terms and conditions of entry.
- All sections of the entry form must be completed. \$50 non-refundable entry fee is to accompany each application.
- The judges must be satisfied that you meet the criteria established for the competition.
- The judges have the right to disqualify any entries.
- Written tests, interviews and speeches are moderated by the Registered Master Landscapers Competition Committee.
- Components of the YLOY practical skills test are overseen by an independent moderator from Primary ITO, (or similar) based on NZQA guidelines.
- The judge's decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Finalists agree to participate in any media activity/publicity and for the use of photos taken at the competition and gala dinner to be used for media purposes only.
- Entrants are responsible for providing NZ Safety approved footwear, ear, and eye protection for use during the practical components of the competition. All equipment is to be of a standard to be working safely. A list of requirements will be provided in the finalist pack.

- To enter the Young Landscaper of the Year competition participants must be a New Zealand citizen or hold a current New Zealand residency permit.
- If the competition is cancelled due to extreme weather conditions or as a consequence of COVID-19 restrictions, RML will contact finalists and their employers to notify new date of competition.
- Award of finalists outstanding achievement certificates of recognition is at the discretion of the judges and may not be awarded should criteria not be met.
- By entering the Young Landscaper of the Year 2022 competition, entrants agree, if selected as winner of the Young Landscaper of the Year 2022, to represent Registered Master Landscapers at the 2022 Young Horticulturist competition, 8th & 9th November 2022.

Travel, Accommodation and Gala Dinner

- All finalists must attend the Gala Dinner at the Hilton Hotel Auckland on 27th August 2022. (Registered Master Landscapers will cover the cost of Gala Dinner tickets for finalists).
- Travel and accommodation costs for out-of-town employees of a RML member will be met by Registered Master Landscapers.
- Finalists who are not in the employment of a Registered Master Landscape member are required to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.
- Partners of finalists are warmly welcome to attend the Gala Dinner on the 27th of August. [Book here](#)
- Meal costs associated with attending the competition day will be met by Registered Master Landscapers for all competitors.
- Partners of competitors are welcome to attend the competition on Friday 26th August.