



REGISTERED MASTER LANDSCAPERS YOUNG LANDSCAPER OF THE YEAR 2021



ENTRY GUIDE



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 2021.

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 12th March in Christchurch. Award winners will be announced at our Awards Gala Dinner on 13th March 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 2021 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!
- For the winner of the Young Landscaper of the Year 2021, progress through to represent Registered Master Landscapers at the 2021 Young Horticulturist of the Year Competition, gaining more amazing career advancement opportunities and prizes.

We promise you the competition will be fun and will challenge you. The opportunities to build your career are huge!

So, what are you waiting for?

Who is eligible?

Entrants must:

- Be working in the landscape industry for a minimum of 3 years.
- Be 30 years of age or under at 31st December 2021.
- Candidates shortlisted must be prepared to participate in the Young Landscaper of the Year finals in Christchurch on 12th March as well as attending the Awards dinner on 13th March 2021.
- The winner must also be available to take part in the Grand Final of the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition in Auckland in 2021, dates to be confirmed.

Key Dates

Here are the important dates for this year's Young Landscaper of the Year Competition

August	Entry to competition opens
30 November	Entry to competition closes 5:00 pm
7 December	Finalists announced this week
12 th March	Competition Day: Practical/ Interviews/ written tests Placemakers sponsored BBQ
13 th March	AWARDS GALA DINNER - WINNER ANNOUNCED Stamford Plaza, Auckland

What past winners say

George Trower Young Landscaper of the Year 2019

"The Young Landscaper of the Year competition was a great experience to be a part of and I highly recommend it to all that are eligible within the landscape industry. It is a great opportunity to see how you compare with other individuals in a similar position in their career. It is not only an awesome chance to show off your skills but to expand your knowledge from all the industry partners who are assisting and judging throughout the competition. The competition is a great way to open up new and exciting opportunities and expand your career pathway".

Kae Combridge Young Landscaper of the Year 2018

"YLOR has been not just a competition but a learning experience with some of the top dogs of the industry. I networked with some amazing people in related fields, gotten to know fellow peers in similar positions and had so much fun doing so. I walked away with so much support and encouragement from the industry in the lead up to the follow up competition after YLOR and for Young Hort".

Darren Barrett Young Landscaper of the Year 2008

"I left high school with little direction on where my career was heading and lacking confidence. I was lucky enough to get an opportunity at Natural Habitats as a Landscaper where I started learning my trade. When I was asked to compete in YLOY, I was a training Team Leader with a pretty good skill set, but I was still nervous about entering, especially the public speaking. But I wanted to test myself against the best young landscapers around NZ".

Prizes!

Young Landscaper of the Year 2021

The Young Landscaper of the Year 2021 will take home:

- \$2,500 cash prize
- \$1,000 of product
- \$ 500 seed product

All Finalists will receive

One Year Affiliate Membership to Registered Master Landscapers.

PLUS 1 x Complementary 2022 Registered Master Landscaper of the Year Gala Dinner Ticket.

Additional Prizes to be won!

As a finalist, compete to win:

PlaceMakers Award - Outstanding Achievement in Construction and Practical Challenge **\$500 cash prize**

Outstanding Achievement – Emerging Leader Award. This Award recognizes an inspirational competitor who has demonstrated exceptional entrepreneurial spirit, innovation and/ or social/ environmental responsibility in the work place

\$500 cash prize

Outstanding Achievement - Excellence in Innovation Award. This Award recognizes an outstanding competitor who has demonstrated significant contribution to their workplace through the introduction or improvement of a work place based technology, process or service.

\$500 cash prize

Career Development Award - This Award recognizes an outstanding competitor who has demonstrated exceptional business operation and customer service skills

\$500 cash prize

Outstanding Achievement in Communication - 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.

\$500 cash prize

What happens next?

Stage 1 - How to Enter?

Download entry form [here](#)

Entrants must complete the entry form and submit by email to business@masterlandscapers.org.nz by no later than

Friday 30th November 2020

Entry form must be completed and signed by both the employer and entrant. Entrants may be contacted for further information on work place experience and training progress if required, by the elected Registered Master Landscapers Judging panel.

Stage 2 - Finalists Selected

Entrants and their employers will be contacted by email to confirm if successful in progressing through to the finals.

Finalists will be emailed an information pack with the competitors programme 6 weeks prior to the competition. The information pack will include a brief on a 3-minute speech topic chosen for each participant to prepare and present at their interview to the panel of judges.

Selection Process

Judges will consider attitude to work, maturity, personal development and overall skills obtained 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

Stage 3 - Finalists Compete

Finalists will compete in Christchurch on 12th March 2021. 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:

The written test covers general knowledge questions on the landscape sector, health and safety in the workplace and preparing a costing / estimate for a job.

Face to face interview, including a 3-minute speech.

Practical skills exercises.

Participants can expect practical skills tests to include elements of competency associated with the implementation of a landscape design. Tasks will cover.

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

Additional tasks may also be included

Award Winners Announced

On Saturday 13th March finalists will attend the Landscapes of Distinction Awards Gala Dinner at the Rydges Latimer Hotel, Christchurch where the winners of the Young Landscaper of the Year 2021 Awards recognizing outstanding achievement by individuals in the competition will be announced.

The winner of the Young Landscaper of the Year 2021 Competition will be presented with the Young Landscaper of the Year trophy.

The Young Landscaper of the Year 2021 will then proceed as a Finalist to represent Registered Master Landscapers at the 2021 Young Horticulturist Competition in Auckland, (dates to be confirmed).

Entry Fee

\$250.00 + gst member/staff of member applicant

\$300.00 + gst non member

Entry fee must be paid at date of submission of entry. (No later than 30th November 2020).



Terms and Conditions

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 2021 and must have 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 application sections of the entry form must be completed.
- 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 an elected Registered Master Landscapers competition committee.
- Components of the YLOR practical skills test are overseen by
- an independent moderator from, Primary ITO, based on NZQA guidelines.
- The Judges decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The finalists of the Young Landscaper of the Year 2021 competition agree to attend the Landscapes of Distinction Gala dinner on 13th March 2021.

- 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.
- Entrants are responsible for providing NZ safety approved footwear, ear and eye protection for use during the practical components of the competition.
- To enter the Young Landscaper of the Year competition participants must be a New Zealand citizen or hold a current New Zealand residency permit.
- Award of finalist outstanding achievement Awards 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 2021 competition, entrants agree, if selected as winner of the Young Landscaper of the Year, to represent Registered Master Landscapers at the 2021 Young Horticulturist. (Dates and venue TBC).

Travel & Accommodation

- Registered Master Landscapers will cover the cost of attendance for all finalists, who are employees of a Registered Master Landscaper Member at the date of the competition. This includes, all travel and accommodation and meal costs associated with attending the competition, and Gala Awards Dinner.

- Finalists who are not in the employment of a Registered Master Landscape Member are required to cover own travel and accommodation costs
- Registered Master Landscapers will cover the cost of both member and non member entrants to attend the Gala Dinner on 13th March at Rydges Latimer Hotel Christchurch
- Competitors are welcome to invite partners and guests to attend the competition day event and the Gala Dinner .

There are no costs for guests to attend the competition day event.

- For details on Gala Dinner ticket pricing and accommodation go to <https://masterlandscapers.org.nz/>

How to enter

Download the entry form [here](#)

Complete the entry form, attach all requested information and email to:

business@masterlandscapers.org.nz

by 5:00 pm on 30th November 2020

Payment of the entry fee must also be made online by this date to bank account:

Landscape Industries Association of New Zealand
Westpac, Queen St, Auckland
Bank Account: 03-0104-0006757-00

For enquires contact:

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