

Tourism Industry Champion Award

The Tourism Industry Champion Award is an individual award that recognises an outstanding tourism professional who has been in the tourism industry workforce for more than 10 years (you commenced work in a tourism role before 2014).

What are the judges looking for?

- **Contribution to the wider industry** – you are an enthusiastic and effective participant in the wider tourism industry, proactively contributing to its success.
- **Tourism career** – you have achieved a leadership role, adding value to your employer/business.
- **Achievements** – you have a record of notable achievements which have contributed to business success and fostering continuous improvement.
- **Personal** – you have a strong ethos and values, and it's evident that you are an outstanding tourism leader.

Eligibility

- This award is open to individual participants only. Entries must be submitted for one person, and joint or group submissions will not be accepted.
- An entrant can enter themselves, an employee or be nominated.
- All Individual Award category entries must include two referees:
 1. From current employer/organisation.
 2. Someone outside of the place of employment.
- Entrants must be actively employed in the New Zealand tourism industry at the time of the New Zealand Tourism Awards winner announcement.

Judging criteria

Your entry should include the following and must be submitted using the online portal.

Entries will be assessed against the following criteria:

Your tourism industry career statement* (150 words)

A short statement about your tourism industry career to date and why you should win this Award.

Award statements

Award statements should concisely outline how you have demonstrated the criteria for this award, for each of the areas below:

1. Contribution to the wider industry (up to 350 words) – 35 points

- What have you done to champion your sector and the wider tourism industry within your region/nationally?
- What do or have you done within your roles to contribute to the wider tourism industry? Please include industry organisations you belong to and roles you've held within these organisations.
- Outside of your roles, outline your contribution to the wider industry.
- Have you attended and participated in any industry events?
- How are you using and promoting the Tiaki Promise?
- How are you championing the New Zealand Tourism Sustainability Commitment?
- What are you doing within your organisation to measure and reduce your carbon emissions?

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- What actions are you taking to support Predator Free 2050 or champion biodiversity and conservation efforts?
- How are you embracing Te Whakarae Māori (Māori approaches and knowledge) within your organisation or visitor experience?
- What have you done to foster the next generation of tourism leaders?

2. Tourism career progression – (up to 150 words plus CV) – 15 points

- Include key roles you have held (please attach a CV – two pages max)
- What are your current roles and responsibilities?
- What significant training and professional development have you undertaken and what skills have you gained? How have these added value to the business?

3. Achievements (up to 350 words) – 35 points

- What notable achievements in the tourism industry roles have you held, and how have these achievements contributed to the tourism organisations you have worked in?
- How do you foster continuous improvement?
- What successful innovations or initiatives can be attributed to you or your involvement?

4. Personal (up to 150 words) – 15 points

- How do your personal values support your leadership?
- Why have you chosen a career in tourism?
- What is your leadership style and how have you evolved as a tourism industry leader?
- How are you are viewed by your peers, your staff, board (if relevant)? Please include at least one testimonial in your supporting material.

Compliance Statement

As part of the submission process, you will be asked to confirm that:

- The entrant (individual or organisation) is not under investigation or been prosecuted by any New Zealand or international statutory body.
- All the information provided in your application is true and verified where possible.

This will be a tick box in the submission form.

* This information may be used in TIA and Award partners in marketing material.



Entry and submission process

To enter, register and pay using the registration form on the New Zealand Tourism Awards website. You'll then be sent a link to the relevant online submission form(s) to complete your entry submission online.

Cost (per entry):

TIA Member: \$69 + GST

Non-member: \$199 + GST ([*Click here to find out more about becoming a TIA member*](#))

Guidelines

- Please read the criteria for the Award carefully. You will be asked to complete an organisation statement and provide statements against the Award criteria.
- Make sure you allow enough time to complete your entry so that it best represents your ability and achievements.
- Draft your entry in a Word document so that it is easier to complete the online form.
- Word counts apply for each question, and these are laid out in the criteria.

Supporting material

- Some supporting material is encouraged and can be submitted to support any/all of the criteria for the award. This material should be supplementary to your entry.
- Entrants can provide up to 2MB of supporting material in PDF format. This should be **one document** and not exceed 10 pages. It can include links to websites, online documents or video content (max three minutes). A testimonial should be included as part of your supporting material. You will also be asked to upload a two-page CV as part of your application.

Referees

- All entrants are required to provide the names of two referees, including their contact email and phone number. If you are selected as a finalist, your referees may be contacted by a member of the judging panel. Your referees must include one contact within your current employer/organisation and one external contact who can illustrate your industry contribution and leadership.

Entries close at 5pm on Thursday 4 July. Late entries will not be accepted.

Questions? If you have any questions about the awards or the entry and submission process, please contact the Tourism Industry Aotearoa events team at awards@tia.org.nz.

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2024 Entry Terms and Conditions

- You must complete an online entry form for each of the awards you wish to enter.
- An entry fee of \$69+GST (TIA member) or \$199+GST (non-TIA member) is applicable for each award category (excluding the Sir Jack Newman Award). The entry fee is non-refundable.
- Payment by credit card is required at the time of registration. If you'd like to pay by invoice, please email us to discuss. Failure to pay the full amount by the required date may result in the entry being removed.
- You must complete a separate entry form for each category.
- For individual awards, you can only enter your own organisation, yourself or an employee.
- For business awards, you can only enter your own organisation.
- Entry for the Sir Jack Newman Award is by nomination only, which should be emailed to awards@tia.org.nz.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Previous Award winners can enter the New Zealand Tourism Awards.
- Current employees of Tourism Industry Aotearoa cannot enter the awards.
- All finalists and winners agree to media coverage.
- All entry information is held on a commercial-in-confidence basis. No entry information will be shared or distributed to third parties (with the exception of the judging panel). Where an award sponsor requests information to promote the finalists or winner in their category, TIA reserves the right to provide them with the organisational statement provided on entry. Entrant's contact details may be provided to the Awards sponsors and Tourism Industry Aotearoa Strategic Partners.
- TIA reserves the right to cancel the Awards programme or individual award categories within the programme.
- TIA reserves the right to remove an entrant or entry for risk of reputational damage or events that occur between entry and awards night that necessitate action by TIA.
- The entrant (individual or organisation) confirms that they are not under investigation or been prosecuted by any New Zealand or international statutory body (for example Accident Compensation Corporation, New Zealand Police, Health and Disability Commission, Inland Revenue Department, Immigration, WorkSafe NZ, Commerce Commission or other). If this is to be found untrue, it will result in the entrant being removed from the category listing.
- TIA may choose to conduct their own research from public sources on entrants. And this may result in information being provided for their consideration as part of the judging process.

If you have any questions, please contact awards@tia.org.nz