

**NZ INSTITUTE OF FORESTRY**  
**NOMINATION FOR NZIF FORESTER OF THE YEAR 2025**

**Conditions of Nomination**

The NZIF Forester of the Year Award is one of the highest accolades the Institute can bestow. It recognises an NZIF member who has made an outstanding contribution to either the forestry profession, or the forestry sector over the last 12 months. The award recognises leadership, excellence and personal integrity, particularly where this demonstrates the character and strength of the forestry profession. The award is one of the highest accolades the Institute can bestow.

The awardee receives a certificate and the Forester of the Year carving, which they hold for one year.

The award will be announced at the NZIF Awards Dinner at the NZIF Conference.

**Criteria:**

- a) Open to any nominated NZIF member who has achieved at least Ordinary Member status.
- b) Consideration will be given to the nominees:
  - contribution to NZ's economic, social and environmental development, the use of innovation and new technologies, or the creation of a new product or business of significance to forestry.
  - professional and academic achievements, broad community involvement, cultural and other achievements.
  - contribution to NZIF.
- c) Desirable attributes of the nominees for this award include:
  - Publicising or promoting the interests of the profession and forestry sector.
  - Upholding the Institute's code of ethics and contribution to the profession's expertise and experience.
  - Disseminating technical information within the profession.
  - Encouraging young people to enter the profession and actively participate in Institute affairs.
- d) The emphasis will be on contributions made in the 12 months prior to nomination.

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- a) Nominations must be on the NZIF Forester of the Year nomination form.
- b) Nominees must be Ordinary, Registered or Retired (but not Retired Associate) Members of NZIF.
- c) The Nominee's consent is not required.
- d) The judges have the discretion not to bestow the award should the required standard not be reached, or criteria not adequately met.
- e) The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- f) Nominations must be received by **16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**