



New Zealand Institute of Forestry
Te Pitahi Ngāherehere o Aotearoa Incorporated

PRINCE OF WALES AWARD FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

Purpose

To recognize the achievements of two outstanding young forest professionals in Australia and New Zealand. This award is to encourage engagement in and dedication to, the principles of sustainable forest management including policy, planning and practice, sound science based land stewardship. Awardees must be committed to public outreach and knowledge exchange focusing on the wise use and conservation of forests and the ecosystems that they encompass.

Eligibility Criteria

1. One trophy will be awarded in each country each year. Although available annually, the trophy will only be awarded if a suitable candidate/nominee is judged to be eligible and deserving by the Institute's nomination committee.
2. Eligible recipients must either be a student or recent graduate and up to 30 years of age from a forestry, natural resources or environmental science university or college program, who has made outstanding contributions to their school and program, and to forest professionalism in general, within their community.
3. Recipients must be members in good standing of their respective Institutes, thus demonstrating their personal commitment to lifelong continuing education and professional development, and their support of forest professionalism.
4. The recipient can only receive the trophy once and must be a citizen of Australia or New Zealand

Selection Criteria

Consideration is given to the individual's personal engagement and activity with respect to sustainable forest management as it relates to their current career achievement in, volunteerism, leadership, citizenship, academics, extra-curricular activities, and other personal and professional accomplishments.

Specifics:

Dedication to Sustainable Forest Management principles through:

- Career achievement:** demonstrated application of and adherence to good forest management policy, planning and practice, and observance of and dedication to professional ethics in a work-related capacity.

- **Public outreach and knowledge exchange:** leadership and involvement in volunteer community activities related to sustainable forest management and promoting understanding of good forestry practices - i.e. tree planting, eco-oriented youth groups, habitat rehabilitation and restoration projects, nature trail maintenance, etc.
- **Academics:** demonstrated effort and engagement throughout post-secondary career, specifically in forest management, ecology and conservation related courses.
- **Memberships and affiliations:** Institute membership, environmental organizations, charities, etc.
- **Involvement with the Institute:** participation in programs, activities and events – i.e. conferences, workshops, science seminars, field tours, socials, section council meetings.

Announcement

The trophy will be presented in each country by the respective Institute's President during the national awards dinner, generally in conjunction with the conference.

The trophy recipient agrees to standard publicity notification arranged by the Institutes of the trophy presentation and the award will be published on the Institute's web site and in the Institutes newsletter and journal.

Deadline

By **May 1st**, an original or scanned electronic version of the completed nomination document must be received at your Institutes national office.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Nomination forms are available from the IFA and NZIF National Office as well as on their respective websites
 - Nominations for the trophy may be proposed by an Institute's local committee, three Institute members, the President of the Institute, or an Executive Committee member.
 - It is recommended (but not mandatory) the nominee be informed of the nomination in order to ensure eligibility and veracity of information presented
 - The original nomination document must be received at the National Office by May 1st
- Only complete nominations documents received by the deadline will be considered by the Awards Committee.**
- Nominations from previous years can be resubmitted if it is still considered relevant.

The following items must be included in the nomination document:

Nomination form	<input type="checkbox"/> Including nominator signature(s).
Summary of qualifications and experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Not to exceed one (1) page.
Independent evidence of how the nominee meets the specific selection criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> Not to exceed ten (10) pages.
Letter of reference by nominators	<input type="checkbox"/> Each letter not to exceed two (2) pages. <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses the nominee's special qualifications for the trophy.
Additional letters of reference (Part 4 of nomination form)	<input type="checkbox"/> From individuals or groups knowledgeable of the nominee's qualifications, each not to exceed two (2) pages. <input type="checkbox"/> Letters from outside of the nominee's place of employment are encouraged.