

1999 Forestry Awards

Four awards are listed below for members to consider making nominations and/or applications. Please forward these to the National Secretariat by the closing date, Monday 22 March 1999.

1. Chavasse Travel Award

Purpose and Eligibility

The Award is open to all NZIF Honorary, Fellow or Full Members who are interested in travelling overseas.

Applications

The nomination will include details of the country, timing of visit, particular interest, chosen itinerary, and a proposed budget. The value of the award is up to \$3,500 and it will cover costs of country to country travel and approved internal travel.

Travel is to take place prior to 31 March in the year following the award and the spouse shall not accompany the recipient. Costs will be minimised by billeting where appropriate. Upon return the recipient will make a report to the Institute on the visit which may include journal articles, a report to the AGM and local section meetings where appropriate.

Selection

A three-person committee comprising the President, Vice President, and Patron of the Fund (Mrs. S Chavasse) selects the recipient. If an interview is necessary it will take place at the AGM.

2. John Balneaves Travel Award

Purpose

To enable people in the forestry sector to travel overseas in order to increase their and the forest industries, experience and knowledge. John's career was devoted to the carrying out of sound scientific and practically based forest research. He gained the respect of field staff through the clear presentation of his findings which have had a significant beneficial impact on forest management in New Zealand and the South Island in particular.

Eligibility

John Balneaves requested a person whom:

- + is of good integrity who is currently active in plantation forestry research;
- + has at least 10 years of professional activity ahead of them;
- + is enthusiastic and energetic in their work;
- + has good communication skills and has the interest and ability to get alongside others.

Applicants need not be a member of the NZIF.

Application

Written applications should be in free format (i.e. no forms) with no more than 2 or 3 typed pages detailing background, reason for travel, provisional itinerary, additional financial support, and the names of two referees. Short listing and interviews as determined by the selection panel which will consist of the President of the NZFOA, the CEO of NZFRI and the President of NZIF, or their delegates.

Award

A minimum of \$5,000 each year. The award will be presented at the AGM for travel to be completed that year.

Reporting

The recipient would be expected to produce a report within 3 months of their return to New Zealand. A summary of this report is to be published in the NZIF journal. The full report to be made available to any interested parties at the cost of production.

3. Curt Gleason Memorial Prize

Purpose

To foster creative communication in forestry. The prize is in memory of Curt David Gleason who was President of the NZIF in 1986, but tragically died in July of that year from injuries when hit by a car while jogging in Rotorua.

Eligibility

Open to NZIF members 30 years of age or under.

Applications

Entrants may choose any topic within the broad field of forestry and can use tangible communication techniques.

Selection

Two judges will assess the quality of the material, both appointed by the Council of the NZIF. One judge should be a communications expert and the other an expert in forestry. Entries will be judged for their ability to communicate the subject chosen by the entrant to the wider public or the specific audience (non-forestry profession).

Award

First prize of \$500 to be presented at the AGM. Three merit awards of \$100 each may be made.

4. New Zealand Forest Service Carving

Purpose

To commemorate the contribution to practical forestry made by the staff of the NZ Forest Service.

Eligibility

Open to any person working in the broad field of New Zealand forestry. Nominees need not be members of the Institute.

Nominations

Nominations by any NZIF member or section.

Selection

A three person committee comprising the President and two Council members.

Award

A carved panel in native timber symbolically showing the integration of the sky, the land, the forests and the people. Presented at the AGM and held for one year. The recipient receives a print to keep and a travel voucher.