

Members invited to consider awards and scholarships

Awards and Scholarships

Members are invited to consider making nominations and/or applications for the following awards and scholarships.

Awards

Please forward these to the national Secretariat by the closing date of 31 March, 2001.

Chavasse (travel)

Availability Honorary, Fellow or Full members interested in travelling overseas (or bringing overseas speakers to NZ).

Procedure Written applications detailing country, timing, interests, itinerary and budget. Determined by NZIF panel. Up to \$3,500. Travel to take place prior to 31 March of the following year.

Balneaves (travel)

Availability Open to anyone in forestry sector who is of good integrity, active in plantation research, with 10 years of professional activity ahead of them, in possession of good communication skills and with an interest and ability in establishing relationships.

Procedure Determined by NZIF, NZFOA and Forest Research on application. Minimum \$5,000 for travel in year of being awarded.

Forester of the Year (excellence)

Availability Open to anyone in forestry sector with 10 years professional experience, integrity, communications skills and enthusiasm.

Procedure Awarded on the basis of material delivered on any topic within the broad field of forestry using tangible communication techniques. Entries judged on ability to communicate the subject. Name engraved on (ex-forest service) carving and certificate.

Scholarships

As well as the above awards, there are three scholarships available, each valued at \$1,000. Applications close March 31, 2001. There are no formal application forms. Selection is based on a 3 page submission by each candidate. Criteria for selection are aptitude, personality, community service, financial need, and relevance of the course to the profession of forestry.

NZIF

Availability Under graduate at a NZ University

NZIF Frank Hutchinson

Availability Post graduate at a NZ University

NZIF Mary Sutherland

Availability Forest student at a NZ Polytechnic

The awards referees committee members will make their selection in time for the recipients to be announced at AGM/Conference in May but the recipients will receive their awards at an appropriate local section meeting following the AGM.

Putting membership on hold

At last year's Annual General Meeting members approved, amongst other amendments to the Constitution, an insert related to suspending membership.

The new clause (Article 31) is intended to convey that only written applications to Council, concerning suspension and subsequent resumption of membership, will be valid. The option to buy-back years is provided to allow members to purchase previous years in order to increase their total number of years of membership. This could be advantageous if any financial reward (discount) is provided to recognise length of membership of the Institute in the future.

Currently such provisions do not exist. All applications for suspension and resumption of membership, including whether to allow "buy-back" is at the discretion of Council. Code of conduct of the applicant during the years that their membership was suspended would be taken into consideration.

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