

EMERGING LEADER AWARD ENTRY GUIDE 2026 AUCKLAND AWARDS

The Emerging Leader Award is presented to an emerging engineer who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, excellence in their career and a contribution to their community. The recipient of this award demonstrates how their work makes New Zealanders' lives better.

Judging criteria

Entries for this award should show how the nominee demonstrates the following:

- **Display admirable qualities early in their career:** willingness to learn and teach, desire to grow the profession and their networks.
- **Inspire others and show enthusiasm to contribute:** leads from the front, actively helps others, seeks to be part of committees and other positions over and above their day job.
- **Potential to be a future industry leader:** active engagement with the profession outside of regular work, interest in steering the profession for a better collective future.

Award details

- Only one Emerging Leader Award will be awarded.
- All finalists will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement.
- The nominator and nominee/s accept that the judges' decisions are final and that no correspondence will be entered into.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be located in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, and must be current members of Engineering New Zealand.
- Entries must include the details of two sponsors, both with a supporting statement. For entries on another's behalf, the nominator will be treated as the first sponsor (ie only one further sponsor is required). Both sponsors must be current members of Engineering New Zealand's Auckland Branch.
- Nominees must be aged 35 years or younger on 27 February 2026.

Entries

- Entries open on Friday 14 November 2025
- An entry for this award comprises:
 - A completed nomination form – closes on Friday 30 January 2026, and
 - A completed entry form – closes on Friday 27 February 2026
- Nomination forms are completed online. Visit the [Auckland Awards website](#) for more information.
- Entry forms should be emailed to the [Engineering New Zealand Auckland Branch](#) before the closing date.
- The awards will be presented on Friday 15 May at the 2026 Auckland Awards.