



# Next Gen Awards

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## Entry Form Guidelines

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### How to enter:

Entry for the 2026 Building Institute Aotearoa Next Gen Awards is an online process via [buildingsnstitute.nz/studentawards](https://buildingsnstitute.nz/studentawards). Entries open on 14 April and close on 1 June 2026.

### Eligibility:

Entry is available to:

- Student / Next Gen Members of the Building Institute Aotearoa. Student membership is free for anyone enrolled in any construction-related tertiary programme, or in a recognized carpentry apprenticeship. Nominees who are not already Members can join via a [two-minute online application](#); and
- In any year of study, full or part time

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- The online entry form can be saved partway through and continued later using a link provided to you via email. Information on what is required is listed below.

#### Video:

- Create a video where you tell us about your big idea to shake up the building industry. Don't hold back with your ideas – we want to hear them all whether they are ambitious, controversial or outlandish!
- Your video can be in any style you like, but you must appear in it in some way. It should be between one and two minutes long.
- Accepted file types accepted are MOV, MP4, WMV.

#### Written:

- Along with the video you will need to complete the online entry form where you can tell us a bit more about yourself
- The online form can be saved partway through and continued later using a link provided to you via email

- You will also need to provide the name and contact details for a referee who we can call – make sure you check with them, so they know they have been put forward.
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- Name
- Email
- Mobile Number
- Employer (if applicable)
- University / ITP where Nominee is studying
- Qualification you are studying towards
- High-resolution photo of yourself (file size limit 5MB)

### **Q1: Aspirations**

- In 300 words or less, tell us about yourself and what you hope to do in the future:
  - What drew you to your studies? What do you find challenging and/or rewarding about it?
  - What are your long-term goals?
  - What drives and motivates you?

### **Q2: Achievements**

- In 300 words or less, tell us about what you have achieved through your study/training as well as within the building industry:
  - What have been your greatest accomplishments in your training/study to date?
  - What have been your greatest accomplishments outside of your study? How have you gotten involved with the building industry and the built environment outside of your studies?
  - What examples are there of an Employer/Client/Lecturer/Assessor recognising your talent and/or potential?

### **Q3: Wellbeing**

- Burnout is huge in our industry and we would like to see this shift – it's important that along with putting your time and energy into work you also take time to keep balance in your life. In 200 words or less, describe your approach to wellbeing:
  - How do you maintain a good work-life balance?
  - What is your approach to the wellbeing of yourself and those you work with?
  - What strategies do you put in place to achieve wellbeing during a project/assignment or at times of high pressure?
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## **Reference**

*Please note: Phone calls to referees may occur at the discretion of the Awards judges.*

- References should include:
  - Referee's name, role, organisation, email address, mobile number
  - The Referee's relationship to the Nominee

## **Building Institute Membership number**

- Building Institute Student Membership Number (if known)