

2017 YOUNG BUILDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Young Builder of the Year Awards celebrate the achievements of young people who despite having to overcome personal barriers have succeeded in training for and or gaining employment in the construction industry.

The competition which began in 2000 is open to young builders from across the UK and is now entering its 18th year.

If you are shortlisted as one of the twenty finalists you will be invited to the Awards Ceremony, which will be held at the House of Commons on Wednesday 18th October 2017.

The categories from which we are seeking applications from young builders are: -

- in employment and/or training aged between **18 and 24 years old**.
- still in education or training (including apprentices) aged between **14 and 18 years old**.

For 2017, there is a prize fund of £7,500 and all shortlisted finalists will receive a certificate and tools vouchers.

Subject to the judge's discretion the winner of the 18 – 24 years old category may receive up to £1,500 (including tools), with further awards to the runners up.

The winner of the 14 to 18 years old category will receive up to £750 (including tools) and their educational establishment will receive tools worth up to £500.

We are looking for young builders who: -

- have made outstanding achievements both professionally and personally, overcoming barriers to get to where they are now
- would not have been able to access employment in the construction industry without the support of your organisation/project

Young Builders entering the awards should be able to demonstrate that they have: -

- attended regularly and punctually
- undertaken accredited training in a relevant construction subject
- undertaken additional training e.g. first aid, driving lessons, numeracy and literacy etc
- secured a job, or has a genuine offer of a job in the construction industry - we may require some evidence from a prospective employer (this may not apply to all the 14 to 18 years old category applicants)

We also require: -

- some background information about the young builder / trainee
- their experiences as a young builder / trainee
- teachers / employers / training managers / mentors statement about the achievements of the young builder

HOW TO APPLY

The application should be made by the Young Builder/Trainee. Your school, college, training provider or employer may help you to do this.

Notes for Young Builders

We would like you to provide the following information, which should be a personal account of your “youthbuilding” experience.

Remember:-

- The Judges will be looking for: -
 - personal and professional barriers that you have overcome
 - the progress you have made
 - what you have achieved personally
 - qualifications you have gained / are working towards

From you: -

- We'd like to hear about your background before joining the project, so we can know a bit about where you've come from. Letting us know when you last worked and your housing situation would help.
- What work you have been doing, what you enjoy.
- Tell us about the most worthwhile thing that has happened to you on the project.
- We'd like to know what you think are the benefits of teamwork. Examples of things that have happened would be great
- Tell us what you have achieved, include any NVQ's, SVQ's, or other certificates you have gained on the project. Don't worry this award won't go to the person with the most certificates – it's about the person who has achieved the most overall.
- We really want to hear about any barriers that you have overcome to get into the industry.

From Others: -

- We'd like to hear from your teacher/employer/training manager
- We want to know what work and/or training you have undertaken with them
- They should tell us how good you were at turning up on time, how well you worked and your attitude to others on the project
- If known, we want them to tell us about any barriers you have overcome.

The Application forms: -

- Download the application form (“14 to 18 year olds” or “18 to 24 year olds” as appropriate) from our website www.ybuk.org and just fill in the various sections about you
- Ask your teacher / employer / training manager / mentor to complete their sections
- Send the completed application form (in word or PDF format) by e-mail to: awards@ybuk.org
- All applications should be returned no later than **Friday 28th July 2017**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Once your application has been received, it will be reviewed to ensure that it has been correctly completed, and then it will be submitted to the Judging panel.

Judging:-

- The Judging panel comprises senior figures from the construction and related industries.
- All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the Judging by the end of August 2017.

Finalists: -

- The shortlisted finalists will be invited to the awards ceremony at The House of Commons on Wednesday 18th October 2017, when the winners will be announced.

Should you require any further information, please e-mail them to: awards@ybuk.org

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