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 **Excellence Awards**

 **Nomination Form 2020** (Judging period: 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020)

The NZOIA Excellence Awards recognise the highest achievements of individuals involved in outdoor recreation, education and guiding in New Zealand. There are four awards: Emerging Instructor, Emerging Guide, Tall Totara, Life Member.

**Process**

**1 April 2020:** Nominations open

**30 June 2020:** Nominations close | **Email to:** **awards@nzoia.org.nz**

**3 October 2020:** Recipients announced at the NZOIA Excellence Awards Dinner at the Symposium.

**Criteria**

**Emerging Instructor**

Awarded to an instructor who displays great potential for the future, and who demonstrates strong commitment to professional development and qualification acquisition.  The ideal recipient will have at least one NZOIA qualification and be recognised as a talented instructor who stands out from the crowd.

* An instructor in their first 5 years of employment in the outdoor industry.
* 3-4 year commitment to working as an instructor or outdoor educator
* Current NZOIA qualification holder
* Two referees
* Outstanding amongst their peers
* Demonstrated commitment to personal outdoor recreational participation and a high achiever (relative to age and experience)
* Role models a commitment to sustainable environmental practices

**Emerging Guide**

Awarded to an emerging guide who displays great potential, talent and commitment to a career in the guiding sector. The ideal recipient should demonstrate a commitment to professional development and qualification acquisition and will have at least one NZOIA qualification.

* A guide in their first 3 years of employment in the guiding industry
* Has displayed a commitment to working in the guiding sector long term
* Current NZOIA qualification holder
* Has two referees
* Outstanding amongst their peers
* Gains consistently good feedback from clients and peers
* Role models a commitment to sustainable environmental practices

**Tall Totara**

Awarded to a current instructor or guide who personifies 'excellence in outdoor leadership'. A highly respected role model, someone who has contributed significantly to outdoor education in New Zealand through both work with clients and with aspirant instructors/guides.

* Currently active as an instructor/guide
* Well regarded by peers as an inspirational role model, and someone who constantly strives for improvement and excellence
* A minimum of two referees from different perspectives are required e.g. employer, peer
* Generally holds one or more NZOIA 2 qualifications
* A member for a minimum seven years
* Strong technical, instructional/guiding and educational skills
* Demonstrated high level of achievement in personal outdoor pursuits and a role model in this regard
* Role models a commitment to sustainable environmental practices

**Life Member**

Awarded to a member who personifies the very best combination of an excellent instructor/guide, a high achieving personal performer, and an outstanding contributor to the work and promotion of the association.

* Long term contribution to NZOIA for a minimum of 15 years
* Diverse areas of contribution including (but not limited to):
        - Assessment
        - Governance
        - Technical committees
        - Administration / qualifications development
        - Newsletter articles
* Voluntary contribution to the work and promotion of the Association
* Recognised high level of achievement in personal pursuits and a role model in this regard
* Recognised academic, management, leadership, governance, educational, literary, or technical achievements

**Nominations**

To nominate someone, please fill in the nomination form on the following page. It is important you refer to the criteria above in your nomination. **Each nominee must have a minimum of two referees.** This can be included in the same nomination form or in separate nominations. Please include photos if possible.

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| **Nominator:** (your name)**Relationship to nominee:****Phone:****Email:** | **I wish to nominate:** (name of person your wish nominate)**Work/Organisation:****Phone:****Email:** |
| **For the…**  [ ]  Emerging Instructor [ ]  Emerging Guide [ ]  Tall Totara [ ]  Life Membership |
| **Why is this person worthy of this award? (Please attach photos if possible)**Extra pages may be attached, including references from other people who support this nomination & photos. Client/student feedback is also useful. We encourage you to refer to the Award Criteria as listed on the NZOIA website and to show this in your application. |
| ***Why is this person worthy of this award? Continued…*** |
| **Further Information** Contact NZOIA | awards@nzoia.org.nz | 03 539 0509 | [www.nzoia.org.nz](http://www.nzoia.org.nz). |