

INDUSTRY AWARDS **2026**



2026 APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Apprentice of the Year Award recognises an individual demonstrating advanced ability during their apprenticeship in a discipline related to composites manufacturing. The nominee will have demonstrated a commitment to their course, high level performance, an enthusiastic attitude and will be able to articulate their future industry employment goals.

This award highlights the importance of a career in manufacturing and encourages apprentices and their workplace peers to commence and complete their training. The award further promotes industry-specific jobs to students, parents, educators, government bodies and other stakeholders.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS:

- Employment:** Must be employed by a current CA member.
- Apprenticeship Course:** Must be registered in an apprenticeship course leading to a nationally recognised outcome or qualification in composites manufacturing.
- Apprenticeship Stage:** Must be in the final stage of their apprenticeship.
- Completion Year:** Either have been or will be signed off in the 2026 calendar year, or have completed formal training in the 2026 calendar year.
- Residency:** Must be a permanent resident of Australia in 2026.
- Education Status:** Cannot be enrolled in school.
- Age:** Nominees must be over 18 years of age.

NOMINATOR (ORGANISATION) REQUIREMENTS:

- Membership:** Must be a current CA member.
- Registration:** Should be registered in Australia with an Australian Business Number.
- Legal Compliance:** Must comply with workplace health, privacy, safety and industrial relations legislation.
- Regulatory Compliance:** Should have no current compliance issues with the regulator and no adverse issues with any government contracts.
- Nomination Approval:** Award nominations must be signed off by a senior manager of the Member organisation.
- Accuracy of Information:** Must agree that all information and claims in the nomination are true and correct.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

- NOMINEE BACKGROUND
- TECHNICAL APTITUDE
- INTERPERSONAL SKILLS
- COMMITMENT AND PERFORMANCE
- CAREER GOALS AND AMBITIONS
- ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

AWARD PRIZE DETAILS

- ◆ A cash prize of \$1,100
- ◆ An official Award Certificate
- ◆ Recognition at the CA Annual Conference Dinner
- ◆ Feature in Connection Magazine
- ◆ Recognition on CA's website and social media
- ◆ Complimentary attendance at the CA Conference and Dinner on June 17, 2026

AWARD PROCESS

- Download** the application form at this link.
- Complete** and send to awards@compositesaustralia.com.au.
- Submission Deadline: Monday May 25, 2026**

Questions: ✉ awards@compositesaustralia.com.au

DISCLAIMER FOR CA AWARDS PROGRAM:

The Judging Panel's decision is final. The Judging panel comprises three CA members who are not affiliated with any nominee. Awards are merit-based. Absence of qualifying applications may result in no awards. Nominees may be filmed or photographed during the program for promotional, marketing and archival purposes related to the awards and associated activities.

PRIVACY AND INFORMATION HANDLING:

Nominee information is strictly confidential, accessible only to authorised CA officers and judges. Judges sign confidentiality and conflict of interest statements.

WEB PUBLICATION CONSENT:

Nominees consenting to web publication acknowledge the potential for material use and disclosure by any web user and global accessibility. This consent is exclusively for promoting the CA Awards.

By participating, nominees agree to these terms.

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2026 APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

The **Apprentice of the Year Award** is presented to an outstanding individual who has demonstrated exceptional ability, commitment, and enthusiasm during their apprenticeship in composites manufacturing.

This form gathers necessary information to evaluate the eligibility and achievements of the nominees.

NOMINEE AND NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominee's Full Name:

Nominee's Email: **Nominee's Phone Number:**

Nominator's Full Name: **Position:**

Nominator's Email: **Nominator's Phone Number:**

Organisation Name: **Australian Business Number (ABN):**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CONFIRMATION

Please confirm that the nominee meets the following eligibility criteria:

- Employment:** Employed by a current CA member.
- Apprenticeship Course:** Registered in an apprenticeship course related to composites manufacturing.
- Apprenticeship Stage:** In the final stage of their apprenticeship.
- Completion Year:** Signed off or completed training in the 2026 calendar year.
- Residency:** Permanent resident of Australia in 2026.
- Education Status:** Not enrolled in school.
- Age:** Over 18 years of age.

NOMINATOR REQUIREMENTS CONFIRMATION

Please confirm that your organisation meets the following requirements:

- Membership:** Current CA member.
- Registration:** Registered in Australia with an ABN.
- Legal Compliance:** Complies with relevant legislations.
- Regulatory Compliance:** No current compliance issues.
- Nomination Approval:** Nomination signed off by a senior manager.
- Accuracy of Information:** All information provided is true and correct.

NOMINEE BACKGROUND

Why are you nominating your apprentice for the Apprentice of the Year Award?

Please include any relevant background information about the nominee.

Tip: Consider highlighting the nominee's journey, unique traits, or specific achievements that stand out.

200 words max.

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TECHNICAL APTITUDE

Can you provide an example(s) of how the nominee has demonstrated exceptional technical skills?

Tip: Describe instances where the nominee's technical abilities contribute to a project or task.

200 words max.

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

How does the nominee interact with other employees?

Tip: Share insights about the nominee's teamwork, communication skills, or influence on workplace morale.

200 words max.

COMMITMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Please outline how the nominee demonstrates commitment to their course and exhibits high-level performance and enthusiasm in the workplace. Tip: Highlight examples of the nominee's dedication, initiatives they have taken or challenges they have overcome.

200 words max.

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CAREER GOALS AND AMBITIONS

What are nominee's career goals and ambitions?

Tip: Discuss the nominees long-term career vision, professional aspirations, or how you plan to contribute to the field.

200 words max.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Nominators are encouraged to accompany their submission with a video, photos, or other supporting material to provide a more comprehensive response and assist the judging panel in their evaluation.

Please upload any videos, photos, or other supporting material to your file sharing service and put link here.

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SUBMITTING

Please review all details before submitting.

Submit completed forms and additional materials by **Monday May 25, 2026**

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CONSENT FOR WEB PUBLICATION

I consent to the web publication of submitted materials for promoting the CA Awards Submission.

DISCLAIMER AND PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Judging Panel's decision is final.

Nominee information is confidential and accessible only by authorised personnel.

Participation indicates agreement with the Awards program terms.

Questions:

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This form covers all necessary information and instructions for nominators, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the award's requirements and submission process.