

Best Volunteer or Intern 2019

Who should enter?

Outstanding event or event sponsorship volunteers or interns to the event or event sponsorship industry, with the thirteen months of the qualifying period in particular demonstrating outstanding dedication and excellence in a volunteer or intern role (i.e. un-salaried work).

Volunteers or interns may be directly involved in delivering events or event sponsorship related work, or provide event support through volunteer programmes or affiliated organisations. Please note there is no age restriction on entering this category and no restriction relating to the nominee's sector of regular paid employment (i.e. the candidate may be a student, retired or employed in an unrelated field).

Eligibility:

Nominees for the Best Volunteer or Intern Award must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Entries **must be by nomination**.
- The candidate **does not** need to be a member of the New Zealand Events Association.
- Candidates must be a New Zealand based intern or volunteer.
- Candidates may be requested to provide evidence to prove criteria.

Judging Criteria:

Each entry must begin with a brief CV (two page limit) so judges can receive an overview of the candidate's work experiences, training or education, and job specifications. Please also list events the candidate is involved in to ensure at least 50% have been undertaken in NZ with overseas work demonstrating a transfer of learning to a New Zealand context.

Each entry must provide two references or testimonials (with contact details of the named persons).

Entries (maximum 1,500 words excluding references) will be assessed against responses to the following criteria:

1. **Management support** (15%)
 - Over the thirteen months of the qualifying period, what were the candidate's responsibilities and competencies and what were their outstanding achievements?
2. **Leadership** (15%)
 - Over the thirteen months of the qualifying period, how did the candidate demonstrate excellence in leadership in a range of event or sponsorship contexts, including living organisational values, working with staff, and participation in professional development?
3. **Stakeholders** (15%)
 - In the thirteen months of the qualifying period, how did the candidate work with and deliver superior results to stakeholders in the event or event sponsorship sector?
4. **Innovation** (15%)
 - Over the thirteen months of the qualifying period, how did the candidate illustrate a commitment to innovation to constantly improve and develop?
5. **Contribution** (15%)
 - What is the candidate's contribution to the industry beyond the parameters of their intern or volunteer work?
6. **Commitment to sustainability** (15%)
 - What is the candidate's commitment to sustainability (economic, environmental and social)?
7. **Judges' discretion** (10%)