

Wooden Boat Association of South Australia (WBASA) Young Achievers Award

Introduction

Commencing in 2017 WBASA will be offering an Award for significant achievements by a member or potential member under 35 years of age. The award will include a cash prize of at least two hundred dollars and a certificate of merit.

The aim is to support the acquisition of skills in the building and maintenance of boats or in the operation or history of wooden vessels.

Applications are encouraged from:

- students in TAFE or other trade training as shipwrights
- students enrolled in degrees or courses in maritime engineering or archeology
- young boat builders or designers with demonstrated skills in a project or construction
- volunteers active in the restoration and/or operation of wooden boats

Nominations of potential Awardees will also be accepted directly from Members of the Association.

Purpose of the Award

In keeping with the Objectives of the WBASA, an award of at least two hundred dollars (\$200) and a certificate of merit will be available to encourage the interests of young people in wooden boats. Specifically, applications may be based on one or more of the following endeavours.

- The acquisition of skills and qualifications in the construction, maintenance and restoration of wooden boats.
- The maintenance and use of wooden boats.
- The acquisition of qualifications for the navigation and operation of historic wooden vessels.
- Preservation of the history of wooden boats and ships and of the skills of building, maintaining and restoring these vessels.
- Other purposes approved by the Committee of the Wooden Boat Association of South Australia.

Awards Procedure

An award will be conferred at the discretion of the Committee of WBASA and typically, not more than once per year. There is no deadline for applications, but the award will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, which is usually held in August each year. Successful applicants may be asked to make a short informal address to a meeting of the Association.

Application Process

Applications will be accepted either from the proposed recipient or in the form of a nomination by a member or members of the Association. Applications are limited to a maximum of two single-sided A4 pages and should be submitted to the Secretary of the Wooden Boat Association of South Australia, PO Box 6264, Halifax St., South Australia, 5000.

Submissions should be in writing, but may be illustrated with relevant images. At the discretion of the applicant or nominating member, submissions might include:

- an outline of relevant achievements, qualifications and experience;
- courses in which the applicant is currently enrolled or proposes to enrol;
- an outline of the significance of proposed training to the Objectives of WBASA;
- proposed uses for the funding.

At the discretion of the Committee, applications that are not successful in the first instance may be carried forward in subsequent years, but submission of updated applications is also encouraged.

Eligibility

Applicants shall be no more than 35 years of age at the time of submission of the application. Prospective awardees need not be members of WBASA, but membership is encouraged. Previously successful applicants are ineligible to re-apply.