



YOUNG FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR STATE AWARD

Nomination Guide





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About the Award

The FIA Awards for Excellence in Fundraising are a key component of Fundraising Institute Australia's commitment to champion best practice in fundraising.

The Awards recognise the outstanding initiatives and innovative efforts of fundraisers, volunteers and organisations. They celebrate the hard work and successes across the year, provide an opportunity for acknowledgement by your peers, and promote the role of fundraising in improving our society.

Young Fundraiser of the Year

The Young Fundraiser of the Year Award rewards a fundraiser aged 30 years or younger who has made a significant contribution to fundraising. The fundraiser should have shown consistent excellence and best practice through their actions, leadership and intellect.

A winner will be selected from each state and will be announced as the Young Fundraiser of the Year for that state. Winners from each state will go through for national judging to determine the FIA National Young Fundraiser of the Year.

Each state winner will receive a complimentary registration to the FIA Conference and Gala Awards Dinner. The national winner will be awarded with a scholarship to an international fundraising convention.

Award Requirements

- The nominator and award nominee must be members of FIA who have a current full professional or organisational membership held for a 12-month period.
- The nominee must have made a significant contribution to the sector and be no older than 30.

In 2024, self nominations will be accepted. In this instance, the following requirements apply:

- The award nominee must be a member of FIA who has a current full professional or organisational membership held for a 12-month period.
- The nominee must have made a significant contribution to the sector and be no older than 30.

The entry must be endorsed by a current FIA Member, either full professional member; or nominated or additional staff of an Organisational Member.



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How to Enter:

Complete the online submission form [here](#) and upload supporting documentation as required.

Please see below for a list of information you will need to prepare and questions you will need to answer in order to complete the nomination form. All questions listed require answers.

There is no charge for entries in 2024.

Applications close on Friday 1 September 2023.

Need help?

If you need assistance with your nomination, please contact FIA on 1300 889 670, or email training@fia.org.au or visit our website www.fiaawards.org.au

Nomination Form Questions

NOMINATOR CONTACT DETAILS (IF SELF-NOMINATING, THE NOMINEE IS ALSO THE NOMINATOR)

- Nominator First Name
- Nominator Last Name
- Nominator Position
- Nominator Organisation
- Nominator Phone
- Nominator Email Address
- Membership Status

NOMINEE DETAILS

- Full name
- Age of nominee
- Length of service as a professional fundraiser (years)
- Nominee's state (for state judging purposes)
- Membership Status

REFEREE DETAILS

- Full name
- Position
- Organisation
- Phone number and email address
- Referees will be contacted at the discretion of the judges.



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ENDORSED BY (IF SELF-NOMINATING)

- First Name
- Last Name
- Position
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- Email Address
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JUDGING CRITERIA AND WEIGHTING

- **Biography**
Details of nominated fundraiser's career to date, focusing on their work in the sector including significant achievements of their career so far. **Points available 10/100**
- **Innovation and Impact**
Outline two to three key achievements of the nominee in their career to date, focusing on exemplary results when benchmarked in the sector, challenges overcome in the pursuit of excellence or innovative fundraising practice.
Points available 20/100
- **Commitment to personal and professional development**
Outline investments in career development including courses attended, tertiary learning as well as any professional accreditation or credentials such as CFRE which will strengthen their career in fundraising.
Points available 10/100
- **Service in or to the fundraising sector and community**
Details of voluntary service to the sector which could include: advocacy for the fundraising profession within the broader community, service to FIA or other peak bodies; professional service to fundraising through other organisations (Board, Committees) or direct service delivery in the community.
Points available 10/100



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- **Career achievements and acknowledgements**

Provide details of other achievements of the nominees in fundraising including scholarships awarded, speaker roles or other awards won.

Points available 20/100

- **Summary of award nomination**

- Provide a summary of the award nomination including examples of how the nominee has shown consistent excellence and best practice through their actions, leadership and intellect.

- Please provide a short (approx. 1-3 min) video telling us why the nominee should win this award. This can be a simple video filmed on your phone.

The quality of the production will not be considered in the judging process – it's about the story you tell.

To see examples of some videos the judges have rated highly in the past, visit

[#TopTips | FIA Awards](#)

Points available 30/100

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A referral letter from the nominee's referee. The referral letter must include evidence that the fundraiser has shown consistent excellence and best practice through their actions, leadership and intellect.
- Two or three pieces of supporting material. At least one must be an image of the nominee suitable for the 2024 Awards publication. Others could include video, audio, PowerPoint presentation or other media
- The logo of the organisation the nominee represents (high res EPS or JPG minimum 600dpi).

Please note that these materials may be used in PowerPoint presentations and other published materials related to the Awards. FIA reserves the right to reproduce entries in all FIA publications and in other promotional materials, including the FIA website and media releases.

Terms and Conditions of Entry

1. The nominator must be a member of FIA who has a current full professional or organisational membership held for a 12-month period.
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3. If self-nominating, the entry must be endorsed by a current FIA Member who is either a full professional member; or nominated or additional staff of an Organisational member:
4. No alterations to entries will be permitted after the closing date, Friday 1 September 2023.
5. Entries will not be accepted unless they are complete and submitted according to guidelines.
6. FIA reserves the right to use any/all submission material entered for promotion of the Awards. FIA may use aggregated data for purposes of research on fundraising benchmarks.
7. Under no circumstances shall FIA be held responsible for the payment of any royalties or other charges for the use of materials provided in support of the awards. All entries become the property of the FIA on submission.
8. Judges reserve the right to withhold awards at their discretion if entries received are not meritorious. The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. FIA accepts no responsibility or liability for any loss of commercial privilege or any other thing which constitutes loss or damage as a result of an entry in the FIA Awards for Excellence in Fundraising.



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State Awards – Young Fundraiser of the Year Checklist

Pre-application

- Have the nominee and nominator been FIA Organisational or Professional Members for the past 12 months?
- Have you reached out to the FIA, the nominee's manager, or asked the nominee to see their CV, in order to make sure you know their key achievements, their professional development and conference attendance history, and how to showcase them in the application?
- (For self-nominations): Has your entry been endorsed by a current FIA Member who is either a full Professional member; or nominated or additional staff of an Organisational member?

Application submission

- Have you answered **all questions**?
- Have you made sure **your answers are effective** and:
 - Answer the question directly by relating each response to the specific criteria set out in that question?
 - Have been reviewed by someone external to check if the context of your answers makes sense – do they make sense to someone not close to you?
 - Repeat the key information when necessary – don't be afraid to say the important things a couple of times to reiterate their significance!
- Have you submitted **all supporting materials**:
 - Two or three pieces of **supporting material**. At least one must be an image of the nominee suitable for the 2024 Awards publication. Others could include video, audio, PowerPoint presentation or other media
 - A **referral letter** from the nominee's referee. The referral letter must include evidence that the fundraiser has shown consistent excellence and best practice through their actions, leadership and intellect
- Have you submitted a **video with a link that works** / is up to date? This is a key part of a successful submission – use it to enhance your entry by providing additional information, perspective and/or storytelling.
- Have you submitted the **online application form**?