



FRESTRA Young Forester of the Year 2025

This award recognises an individual Future Forester who has displayed commitment and passion for the forestry industry. This will be awarded to a young forester who demonstrates commitment to the forestry community, developing themselves and other leaders, providing a voice for young foresters, connecting across the industry, and taking a future focused perspective to forestry.

The FRESTRA Club started as a social club in 1980 on the (then) Forest Research campus in Rotorua for staff and the forestry community. Due to a number of factors impacting the industry at the time, the club started to decline, eventually winding up in 2020. The club recognised similarities in the values of Future Foresters which was getting started at the time. The club was able to gift their assets to Future Foresters to enable continued growth and development in the forestry community.

The successful recipient of this award will receive their name engraved on the FRESTRA Young Forester of the Year Award, a \$1,000 cash reward, and \$1,000 to go towards a forestry field trip anywhere in New Zealand hosted and organised by Future Foresters.

Award nominations must be received before: **5pm Friday 16th May 2025.**

The award will be announced at the **Awards Evening of the NZ Institute of Forestry Conference on Friday 27th June 2025 in Napier.** A recipient can only successfully receive the award once and must be a citizen or resident of New Zealand and aged 31 years or younger at the time of nomination.

Please submit nominations and supporting information on the Future Foresters web page under 'Get Involved'.

Award Nomination Criteria:

The following criteria is considered for each nominee:

- Involvement in the NZ Future Foresters (or are able to demonstrate that they will be).
- Demonstrates and develops a forestry community.
- Offers insight into the potential for forestry to be a diverse and rewarding career.
- Champions young foresters to have their voice heard.
- Works towards acknowledging and recording forestry history.
- Encourages foresters of all ages to connect.
- Demonstrates leadership within the industry or their profession.
- Be recognised by their peers, company, clients and wider industry (we will accept a maximum of 2 letters of endorsement from people not associated with the nominator).

The award recipient will be selected by the Award Committee made up of a selection of individuals previously involved in Future Foresters, FRESTRA, and the NZIF.

If you have any questions, please contact Evan Powell at Evanhpowell@gmail.com.

