

# HITO APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR 2024



## ENTRY FORM

The Central Apprentice of the Year award is for hairdressing, barbering, and beauty therapy apprentices. This award recognises the best all-round apprentice who shows a commitment to training, continuous improvement, and actively demonstrates how they'd be a worthy ambassador for HITO and the industry.

**All HITO apprentices in Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu-Whanganui, Wellington, Nelson, and Marlborough are eligible to enter this award.**

The winner of this award will be announced at HITO's Wellington Graduation event on Sunday 10 November 2024.

### Prize

**The Central Apprentice of the Year will receive \$2500 towards professional development.**

### Details of entry

Full name				
Workplace name				
Address				
City				
Postcode				
Phone				
Email				
Instagram handle (optional)				
Are you a current HITO apprentice? (please tick)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Rules of entry

- By entering you agree to abide by the competition rules.
- Entrants must be a current HITO apprentice, progressing in their apprenticeship, and have a current HITO training plan.
- All hairdressing, barbering, and beauty therapy apprentices from Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu-Whanganui, Wellington, Nelson, and Marlborough regions are eligible to apply for the Central Apprentice of the Year award.
- Please submit a high resolution, horizontal (landscape) photo of yourself with your entry, emailed to [marketing@hito.org.nz](mailto:marketing@hito.org.nz)
- Entries and supporting documents are due by 31 August 2024. No entries will be accepted after this date.
- The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered in to. Judges are unable to provide individual feedback.
- Shortlisted finalists may be required to verify the information they have submitted if evidence provided is not sufficient. All information received and submitted is confidential.
- Finalists will be announced in October 2024.
- The winner will be announced at the Wellington HITO Graduation event on 10 November 2024.

## ENTRY CRITERIA

Please answer the questions below and submit as part of your entry.

- Why did you choose to do an apprenticeship?
- What do you love most about your job?
- What does being a successful apprentice look like to you?
- What has been your greatest training achievement to date?
- How have you successfully overcome training obstacles?
- What motivates you to perform to your best ability and achieve the best results in your work?
- What other activities outside of your workplace have you been involved in to grow your skills?
- How do you use social media to boost your profile?
- Give two (2) examples of how you contribute to a positive work environment.
- Name two (2) goals you have for the future and how you plan to achieve them.
- How would you support HITO and other apprentices if you won Apprentice of the Year?
- Why should we select you as Central Apprentice of the Year?

### Please note:

Written entries must not exceed 1500 words and videos must not exceed 5 minutes.

### References

At least two (2) written references are required. Please ensure references are from your employer senior stylists, clients and/or someone who knows you well.

References should reflect the qualities we're looking for in the Apprentices of the Year, verifying the statements by the apprentice.

### The best entrants will:

- Have a strong work ethic - this award is not just about being the most technically skilled hairdresser, barber, or beauty therapist.
- Show commitment to training, set their own goals, and give examples of how they'd like to contribute to the industry.
- Be a great role model to prospective and current apprentices, people in their community, and the industry.
- Complete training plans and unit standards in the required timeframe, as set by their Sales and Training Advisor.
- Have the confidence to support, represent and champion HITO and apprenticeship training.
- Be an advocate for apprenticeships and explain the importance of being an apprentice.
- Consider the presentation of their submission.

## Judging process

At all stages, judges score independently of other judges.

Stage one of judging is carried out by HITO representatives. HITO will verify your progress and achievements upon receipt of entry.

Tip: Make sure you answer all the questions outlined in the above criteria.

Stage two of judging is carried out by hair, beauty, and barbering industry representatives.

During this stage, a shortlist of finalists are identified.

## Submission

All entries must be received by Wednesday 31 August 2024.

Please send all entries to: HITO Awards, Level 2, 107 Customhouse Quay, Wellington, 6011 or email [marketing@hito.org.nz](mailto:marketing@hito.org.nz)

All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form.

Entrants who wish to have their entries returned must include a self-addressed prepaid envelope or courier bag with their entry.