



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF MASONS

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER AWARDS 2023

FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE CRAFT OF STONEMASONRY

The Rules & Entry Forms

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1. Introduction

The Worshipful Company of Masons introduced an award in 2007 in honour of HRH The Duke of Gloucester, who has been a Liveryman of the Masons' Company since 1975. The Duke, through his architectural background, has a keen interest in the construction industry, our national heritage and in the training of craftsmen and women in stonemasonry. The objective of the award is to encourage and sustain the highest standards in all aspects of the craft of stonemasonry.

2. The Worshipful Company of Masons

The Masons' Company is one of the City of London's oldest Livery Companies with records dating back to 1356. It was formed to safeguard the welfare of its members and to regulate the craft of stonemasonry, so that standards could be properly maintained.

Today the Masons' Company is active in the support of the craft by sponsoring students and apprentices in approved courses in masonry and stone carving, including some in Higher Education. The Company is keen to foster, encourage and reward stonemasons in the early years of their development, and continue this support through individual masons' careers by participation in the Livery Company Skills Council Master Craftsman Award Scheme – which also encompasses Journeyman Masons and Apprentices.

3. The Awards & Eligibility

There are two categories for the Duke of Gloucester Craft Awards:

Category 1: Individual Masons from 2 up to 10 years' experience post qualification (Level 3 or equivalent) who demonstrate high craft skills overall and the potential to grow as their careers progress.

This award is designed to encourage and recognise younger people's development. A successful applicant will require the following:

- A portfolio of work (with photographs and drawings as appropriate) that highlights their development and increasing levels of skill since qualification;
- Supporting written endorsements from employers and/or clients, architects, surveyors, local authorities etc., as appropriate;
- Experience of both workshop and site work;
- The ability to work with, and interpret, drawings;
- Demonstration of a knowledge of stone selection;
- The ability to produce setting out templates on refurbishment and/or new build projects.

Category 2: Individual masons, or small teams of masons working together, with no time limits on experience post qualification (Level 3 or equivalent), who have demonstrated high craft skills in one or more masonry specialisms.

This award is designed to recognise diversity and differing rates of development and skill across all ages; it is also designed to recognise those who have developed and sustained a career in a particular masonry specialism.

A successful applicant would need to provide the same evidence as in Category 1.

4. Nominations

For both the above Categories, nominations can be made by individuals, their employer or professionals with whom they have worked.

5. Assessment

Assessors will be drawn from members of Masons' Company. In recommending an award, the Assessors will consider in particular the quality of craftsmanship and design which reflects an understanding of the materials used and the overall merit of the work submitted. The Assessors will make their initial judgement from photographs and other evidence contained in applicants' portfolios. Interviews (primarily via Zoom) may subsequently be conducted with short-listed individuals.

Recommendations for an award will then be made to the Masons' Company for approval in late October 2023.

6. Entries

Entries must be submitted on this application form and supplemented by photographs (preferably submitted digitally but may be in hard copy) showing examples of work. Please ensure that the entry form contains details of the mason's employment history and the projects submitted in support; please note that it is important to date the projects.

7. The Awards

There are three levels of award in both categories: 'Excellent', 'Highly Commended' and 'Commended'. The Masons' Company may withhold an award if entries are considered to be of insufficient standard. The award will be given at the discretion of the Masons' Company whose decision is final; the Company will not enter into any discussion regarding its decisions.

The awards will consist of a prize to the value: Excellent - £500; Highly Commended - £300; Commended - £200. Each award winner will also receive a certificate.

The Masons' Company may also invite qualified Award winners to apply to become a Yeoman Mason of the Company.

8. Presentation of the awards

Presentation of the awards will be made at Mercers' Hall in the City of London on Wednesday 6th December 2023.

9. Entry Fee

Entry is free.

10. Closing Date

All entries, accompanied by a completed entry form and portfolios (including photos), must be received by **30 September 2023.**

Completed Entry Forms (and enquiries about entries) should be addressed to:

The Clerk
The Worshipful Company of Masons
8 Little Trinity Lane
London
EC4V 2AN

Or by email: clerk@masonslivery.org

Please note the Privacy Notice and Declaration contained on page 6

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ENTRY FORM

Closing date for entries: **30 September 2023**. Please read the rules before completing.

1. Name of nominated mason

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Full postal address

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Post Code.....

Telephone Number.....Email.....

2. Current Employer's name [if applicable]

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Full postal address

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Post Code.....

Telephone number.....Email.....

3. Date of completion of Level 3 (or equivalent)

College attended.....

Additional qualifications obtained.....

4. Enclosures

I enclose/have forwarded under separate cover*

[* delete as appropriate]

- An outline of the projects and work undertaken in support of the nomination and your role in them
- A List (if appropriate) of clients for whom these jobs have been undertaken, together with any testimony in support of your work on the projects.
- Up to ten photographs showing the work undertaken on each project.

5. Signed by employer*.....Position.....

[*if applicable]

6. **DECLARATION**

In submitting this Entry Form I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice and Terms & Conditions contained on the Worshipful Company of Masons website (www.masonslivery.org) and that I give my permission for The Worshipful Company of Masons and the Masons' Company Craft Fund to hold my personal details in its database.

I confirm that there are no restrictions or fee payable on the publication of the photographs submitted and that no copyright restrictions exist.

Signature of applicant

Date.....

Completed entries to be returned by 5pm Friday 29th September 2023 to:

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EC4V 2AN**

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AN OUTLINE OF THE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN SUPPORT OF THE ENTRY

The nominee should have experience in both site and shop work, an ability to work with and interpret drawings, to produce templates and setting out on both new build and refurbishment projects.

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LIST OF CLIENTS

Please list the clients for the above portfolio of projects. The nominee will need to provide testimony of their involvement from employers or architects in support of each project.

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