

Award Details

Colleague of the Year



Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the award which will be presented annually, is to:

- Encourage pride in the profession
- Celebrate and promote collegiality
- Highlight the positive contributions some dentists make to other dentists' lives
- Create role models for the profession.

Description

The Award process will endeavour to encourage a feeling of pride and ownership of the Association by identifying members* who contribute significantly to the profession by their “collegiality” and are thus positive health professional role models.

The member will be:

- An inspirational role model and ambassador for the profession
- Supportive and encouraging of other members
- Involved in some type of mentoring
- Helping colleagues' educational needs by sharing knowledge or facilitating sharing by others
- At NZDA Branch level, is active in welcoming members and promoting collegiality
- Is approachable and helpful for colleagues with problems.

**NZDA Honorary Life Members and NZDA Fellows are not eligible.*

Eligibility

Nominations will be accepted from any NZDA Branch for candidates who have not previously won the award.

* Nominees who are unsuccessful will be considered for nomination the year following if they are willing.

Entry Guidelines

Go to nzdaconference.org.nz then to the Awards tab—this page will have the awards information.

- Please email your nomination with supporting documents to sam@nzda.org.nz by **Wednesday 17 June 2026**.

Submitting a Nomination

Each nomination must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- The nominee's CV
- A letter of recommendation outlining reasons why the nominee meets the award criteria, e.g. education, mentoring, involvement in local branch, helping with problems and general professionalism and respect from colleagues
- A photo of the nominee (suitable for publication if a finalist).

Judging Panel

The judging panel will consist of:

- NZDA President (who shall chair the panel)
- NZDA Chief Executive
- Two elected Advisory Council members

Presentation of the Award

The award will be presented at the Conference Dinner and NZDA Awards evening at the annual conference.

The recipient will be acknowledged in the NZDA News / NZDJ and award recipients kept on record at NZDA House.

The Award

The Award shall cover the registration (including two tickets to the Conference Dinner and NZDA Awards evening), accommodation and travel costs within New Zealand for the recipient, to the NZDA Conference of the year in which the award is presented.