



FAQs

National NMT Nursery Awards

Entries

How do I enter?

The National NMT Nursery Awards are completely free to enter and there are two ways to enter: online or by post. To enter online, please visit <http://nmt-magazine.co.uk/nursery-awards/awards/> and follow the link for each category you wish to enter (online entries will open in mid March). To enter by post, look out for the entry form in the May/June issue of NMT Magazine and send in the requirements for each category you wish to enter. **Please ensure you submit answers to all of the question criteria and all of the supporting evidence required. Any entries which do not submit all of the required information will be disregarded.**

How many categories can I enter?

You are able to enter as many categories as you wish.

How are finalists chosen for each category?

There will be 4 or 5 finalists chosen by a panel of independent judges who will have sufficient knowledge in the field to select finalists from each category.

How many finalists can there be for each award?

For each 'single' award there can only be 1 finalist. For each 'group' award there can be a maximum of 2 finalists.

What if it is a surprise nomination?

Firstly, we will keep the secret! When entering, please specify that we should only contact the nominator if the submission is successful, but please also ensure that the nominee will be free to attend the judging day in October in London (the official date will be announced shortly). All finalists must attend the judging day. For more information on what this day entails, please visit the judging day section of these FAQs.

What are the costs?

It is completely free to enter the awards! All finalists will receive a free place to the Gala Evening (2 free places for any 'group' awards), however you still must book the complimentary places. Table booking information will be available online shortly.

What happens if I am not successful?

All finalists will be notified by telephone and confirmed by email by 18th September 2020. If you have not been contacted by this time, unfortunately your nomination has not been successful this year. Due to the high volume of entries we receive we are unable to contact each nominee individually with feedback..

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Judging Day

What happens on the judging day?

The judging day is a fun and interactive day where the finalists meet with our judges. Each category has a 1.5 hour timeslot during the day, when the finalists are notified they will be told what timeslot their category has. Within that timeslot, each finalist will be allocated a 15 minute interview slot to meet with the judges. This is nothing to be nervous about! It's just a chance for the judges to ask each finalist a few questions and for the finalist to be able to talk a little bit more about themselves/what they do etc. Once the judges have met with all of the finalists, they will make their decision of who is the winner, but the winners will not be announced until the Gala Evening.

Do I need to prepare anything?

No you don't! The judges will base any questions they have on the original submission. You are welcome to bring further evidence, however it is down to the judges discretion to whether they will consider any extra evidence or not.

Who are the judges?

There will be a small panel of 3 judges per category. The panels consist of a mixture of experts in their field, professionals working within the sector and sponsor representatives.

How many people can interview for each award?

For each 'single' award there can only be 1 finalist interviewed. For each 'group' award there can be a maximum of 2 finalists interviewed.

What happens if I can't attend the judging day?

All finalists must attend the judging day and interview with the judges. Any finalist that cannot attend unfortunately forfeits their place and another finalist will be chosen in their place.

Only in exceptional circumstances, NMT will assess on a case-by-case basis on whether the finalist can partake in a telephone interview on the judging day instead of attending in person. This decision is not made lightly and all decisions made by NMT regarding this are final.

If you have any further questions about the awards, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Events Team!

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