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**Young Furniture Makers Awards

Apprentice Award**

**Sponsored by
Achieve & Partners**

**An award recognising excellence in British furniture craftsmanship demonstrated by apprentices in the furniture and furnishings industry.**

The Furniture Makers Company is the City of London Livery and charity for the furniture and furnishings industry. Its purpose is to enhance and support that industry and to encourage new talent into our industry. The most important way it does so is by creating a wide-ranging education programme that helps to support and nurture young talent for the future.

Achieve and Partners are a niche end-point assessment organisation focused on providing services to the furniture, wood and merchanting industries. Built on a foundation of expertise. Crafted for the furniture, wood and merchanting industries. Designed by founders who share a passion.

**Overview**

The Young Furniture Makers Apprentice Award recognises the exceptional work and craftsmanship of apprentices in the furniture sector. We welcome applications from those still undertaking their apprenticeships as well as those who have completed their apprenticeships within the last 12 months.

Successful applicants will be judged on a furniture piece made during their level 2 or level 3 furniture related apprenticeship.

The winner will be chosen from a group of applicants shortlisted to exhibit at the Young Furniture Makers exhibition in London on Wednesday 2nd October where the final judging will take place and winners announced.

We are delighted to announce that the 2024 Young Furniture Makers Apprentice Award has been sponsored by Achieve and Partners, who will be providing prizes to the first, second and third place winners.

**Criteria**

Judges will assess applications on the merit of excellence in making, the approach to learning and demonstration of the values of their organisation in the workplace.

Each application will be given a total individual score out of 100, marking each of the following 4 criteria out of a maximum of 25 marks:

* Excellence in craftsmanship.
* A well-considered approach to the making processes.
* Initiative and keenness to learn.
* The demonstration of the values of their organisation in their day-to-day work.

**Eligibility**

Applications for the Apprentice Award will be accepted from apprentices who fulfil the following eligibility requirements:

* Currently studying at Level 2 or Level 3, or those who have completed a furniture related apprenticeship within in the last 12 months.
* The furniture piece submitted **must have been made during their time as an apprentice** and can be something made for their portfolio/ end point assessment, a commission or a piece made in their own time.
* No upper age limit, apprentices of any age can apply.
* If shortlisted, the object would need to be available for display as part of the one-day exhibition on Wednesday 2nd October 2024.\*

*\*If it is a commissioned piece of work please check with the owner that they are happy to lend it out for the exhibition before applying.*

**Applications**

To apply please submit an application to the [Apprentice Award](https://zealous.co/thefurnituremakerscompany/opportunity/Young-Furniture-Makers-Apprentice-Award-2024/) by midnight on **Friday 14th June**.

Applications will be shortlisted by a selection panel appointed by the Furniture Makers’ Company. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to exhibit their furniture at Furniture Makers’ Hall at the annual Young Furniture Makers exhibition on Wednesday 2nd October 2024.

During the exhibition in October, shortlisted pieces will be judged, and a winning entries will be award a cash prize.

*Grants are available to help with the transportation costs of the work for those eligible.*