

Young Leadworker Award 2017 Competition Rules and Guidelines

Competition Entry

Entrants must be 30 years of age or under on 24th February 2017 and must be employed by a reputable UK Roofing Contractor/Plumber. Applications from Contractors working on a self-employed basis are also welcome. It is expected that all entrants will be reasonably competent at welding and bossing.

A competition entry form must be completed and submitted together with supporting information and photographs directly to the Lead Sheet Association no later than Friday 24th February 2017.

Organisation of the Competition

Following an assessment of the entry forms, entrants may then be contacted in order to arrange for an inspection of their work by a member of the judging panel.

The finalists will be selected from the entries received and will be invited to attend the Final the week commencing 27th March 2017 at the LSA Technical and Training Centre in Kent. Judging takes place over three days and dates will be confirmed in early 2017.

The Final

- The finalists will be set a series of tasks over identical model roof sections, to be completed within a set time limit held over a period of three days.
- A set of instructions and drawings will be sent by email by 17th Friday March 2017 to enable shortlisted candidates to prepare for the test pieces that are required as part of the Final. Another set of these documents will also be provided on the first day of the assessments.
- Competitors may use their own hand tools. All other materials and equipment including the oxy-acetylene welding equipment will be provided.
- Each individual competitor must complete the test piece unaided.

- Judges will mark each competitor's piece in accordance with a pre-set marking criteria and marking sheet, based upon BS6915 and LSA recommendations as contained in the Rolled Lead Sheet Manual.
- All Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn and used at all times.
- Safety footwear and protective clothing is to be provided by the competitor. All other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided.
- On conclusion of the practical tests the judges will then discuss design theory and working practices in order to test the knowledge of each finalist. The judges will examine each model roof section and, taking account of the responses during the theory discussion, will then determine the overall winner of the "Young Leadworker of the Year" Award for 2017.
- The winner will be announced and the presentation will be made at the prestigious Roofing Awards ceremony that will be held in May 2017.

Judging Panel

The judging panel will consist of 4 Judges and their decision will be final and binding.

Prizes

The Young Leadworker of the Year 2017 will receive:

- A Training Bursary worth up to £3,500 towards a formal leadwork qualification
- Leadwork tools up to the value of £300
- A copy of Rolled Lead Sheet – The Complete Manual.

The runners-up will receive:

- A three-day personalised leadwork development training at the LSA training centre in East Peckham, Kent.
- A copy of Rolled Lead Sheet – The Complete Manual