

# STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION & NOMINATION PROCESS

2025/2026 Academic Year

THE APPLICATION WINDOW 2026		
	STUDENTS	TUTORS
Applications window opens	Monday 23 February 2026	
Student submission deadline	<b>Friday 27 March 2026</b>	
Support Statement window opens		Wed 22 April 2026
Tutor submission deadline		<b>Friday 1 May 2026</b>

Dear College/Training Provider

## BALI Student of the Year Award 2025/2026

We are looking to celebrate and identify the landscaping sector's future inspiring Landscapers, Horticulturists and Garden Designers from our national Colleges and Training Providers. We need your support and help to communicate this opportunity to your students/apprentices.

Based on student and college feedback, we have streamlined the application and nomination process and moved to an on-line MS Form. We hope many students/apprentices (Level 2 and above) from your cohort/s will apply and make their first contact with the broader industry.

### The Student of the Year Award and prizes

The Top Student nominated in each category from your college will be considered for our Regional Winner awards, with a chance of **winning £100** and a certificate, which can be presented at your College Award Event.

All Regional Winners have the potential to advance to the national level. Overall winners of our National Student of the Year competition, and their college/training providers, will **both receive £500**. This is awarded at the prestigious annual BALI National Landscape Awards each December.

## What needs to happen now

Please encourage and invite your students to apply for this competition using the MS Form from the link below. The Application Window to submit the MS Form for student/apprentice application is **23<sup>rd</sup> February to 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

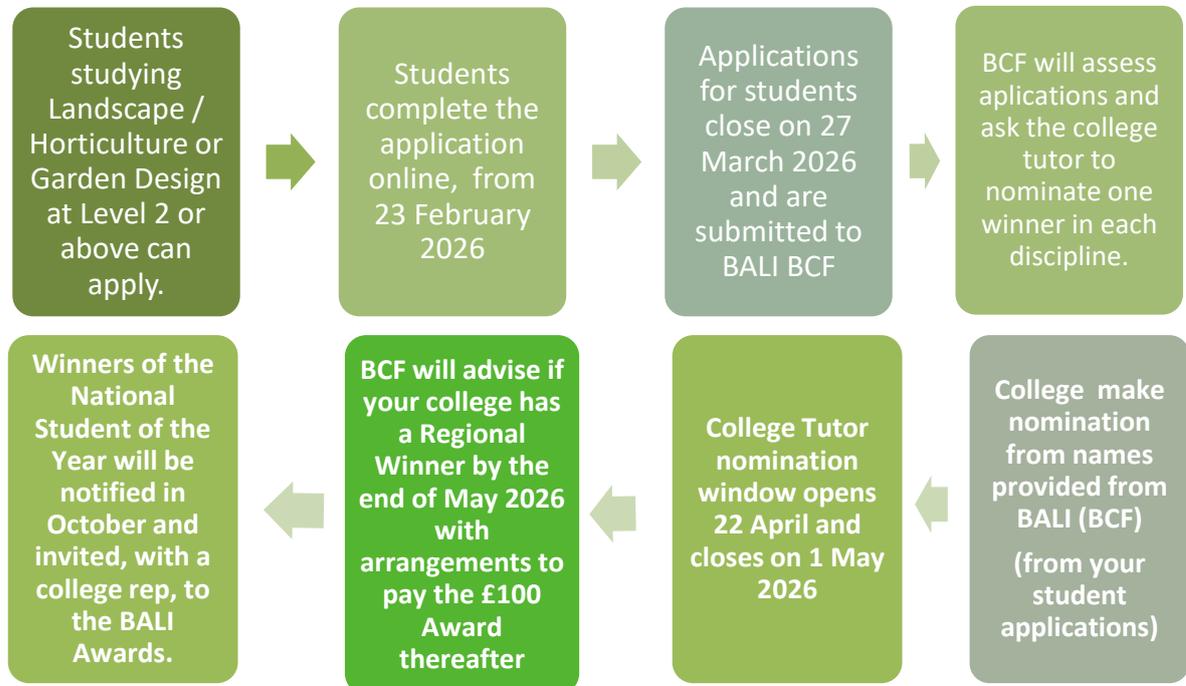
The final deadline for student submission is 5pm on **FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026.**

**STUDENTS: CLICK BELOW FOR LINK TO START YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION**

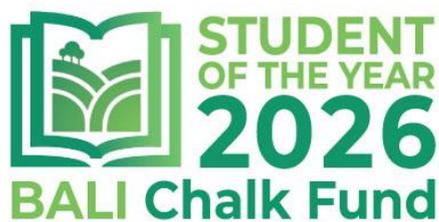
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[LINK](#)

## The Student of the Year Application Process 2026



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## **The British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI)**

BALI is the leading Trade Association representing all landscape professionals from design, build and maintenance through to supply, training and education. Over 900 Accredited members represent some of the best landscaping businesses across the country, from large corporations to local traders, to individual designers, to new and developing landscape businesses across the supply chain.

### **BALI Student Membership - FREE**

All students/apprentices studying at a BALI Member college can join BALI for **FREE** (students at non-member colleges pay a small fee of £23). Student members gain access to training, industry and supportive information as well as details of future employment opportunities. Find out more on the [BALI main website](#).

### **About the BALI Chalk Fund (BCF)**

The BALI Chalk Fund (BCF) seeks to advance education for the public benefit in landscaping and horticulture and related subjects. This includes the support of technical and vocational training, resources and other educational support needs that may arise to help students obtain employment in this field of work through the provision of scholarships and grants.

BCF is keen to encourage practical hands on and supervisory skill development to address the current skill shortages faced by the Landscape Sector. The fund is governed by a board of Trustees and with some promotional and administrative support from the British Association of Landscape Industries.

If you have any queries regarding the competition, please contact BCF by email [info@balichalkfund.org.uk](mailto:info@balichalkfund.org.uk) and a member of the Support Team will be in touch.

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