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celebrating champions across the advertising, media and marketing industry

call for entries.

entries close 12pm, Friday 22 May 2026

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about the awards.

The AdNews Emerging Leaders program recognises outstanding talent on the rise to the C-Suite. The awards are open to all ages and professionals working in the advertising, media and marketing industry. Submissions can be self-nominated or entered by a third party. Each nominee must have a minimum of five years in the sector, not currently be working in a C-Suite, managing director or general manager role.

The event will announce 20 Emerging Leaders from a shortlist of finalists, with a Grand Prix handed to one professional for their outstanding industry achievement.

to enter

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entry fees

Entry fee is \$105 +GST.

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the date.**

Cocktail Presentation

6:30pm – 9:30pm

Thursday 6 August 2026

The Promenade,
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entry questions.

There are four sections each candidate must answer for a total score out of 100 including achievements, performance, personal and professional contribution and leadership.

achievements (marked out of 20)

Outline the nominee's key career achievements to date, including major roles and the impact these delivered to the business.

performance (marked out of 30)

Outline how the nominee has demonstrated an outstanding level of performance in their role over the past 12 months in a manner that sets them apart from other professionals of similar experience.

personal and professional contribution (marked out of 20)

Outline how the nominee has contributed to the business and/or broader industry beyond their daily role and responsibilities.

leadership (marked out of 30)

What three skills demonstrate the nominee's abilities as a leader? In your response, provide an example of these leadership skills in action whether it's overcoming a challenge, driving a key strategy or developing a business solution.

Submit copy no more than 1000 words covering all items listed under the judging criteria above.





how to enter.

There are three simple steps to enter the awards including meeting eligibility, providing supporting materials and submitting the entry online.

1 determine eligibility

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2 prepare the relevant supporting materials

Entrants are encouraged to provide relevant supporting material if it helps to explain the individual's achievements.

Please limit supporting materials to three examples. These can include a CV/resume, reference letters or case studies. The supporting materials may be used should the individual be selected as a finalist. Please ensure you have gained the relevant approvals before submitting any materials. A high resolution head-shot photo of the individual being nominated is required for all entries (minimum 300 DPI).

3 submit your entry online

Complete the entry process online, uploading your supporting material and headshot photo. All entries must be submitted by 12pm, Friday 22 May 2026.

contact.

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