



The Carpenters' College Award For Craftsmanship



2024-25 Kitchen Hatchway & Doors

Competition Overview and Conditions

Instructions to Candidates

Thank you for your interest in entering this year's competition. To register to take part, you will need to complete the registration form on our competition website. There is no fee to enter. The competition website is located here: <https://instituteofcarpenters.glueup.com/event/carpenters-craft-competition-2024-2025-116622/>. The Competition Manager is Mr Chris Higley FIOC.

Qualifications for entry

The competition is open to students of carpentry, joinery and shopfitting who are registered at a college or recognised training centre.

The competition process

The closing date for registering your entry to the competition is 31 March 2025. Late entries after this date will be accepted at the Competition Manager's discretion. Once registered, you can begin constructing your piece for submission. The competition timeline is, as follows:



It is anticipated that National judging will be completed in July 2025.

Submitting your piece

Following registration, you will be advised of the location to send your piece for judging. Submissions must be sent securely and separately packed in suitable packaging with a return label in accordance with the return instructions below by the end of May 2024.

Awards

Winning entries of sufficient merit from each region will be forwarded by Regional Secretaries for National judging. Awards made to two groups: Under 20 years of age and 20 years and older (age on 31 March 2025), as follows:

| National Awards | | |
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| | Student | College |
| First | £500 | Trophy <i>To be retained by College</i> |
| Second | £200 | Medal <i>To be retained by College</i> |
| Third | £100 | Medal <i>To be retained by College</i> |

| Regional Awards | |
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| | Student |
| First | £100 |
| Second | £40 |

Additional Awards may also be made at the judges' discretion:

- George Pysden Award, Joinery Manager's Award, and IOC Shield

Submission pieces

Drawings of the Test Pieces are attached. The candidate is to make and submit the Test Piece in accordance with the Technical Instructions to Candidates, which includes a detailed cutting and material list.

Preliminary judging

Pieces entered for the competition must be forwarded to the address as advised by the Competition Manager for preliminary judging by end of May. The work must be securely packed in such a way as to allow repackaging for onward transfer to the national judging or return. Postage is to be paid by the candidate and each test piece clearly labelled. If, in their opinion, no piece is of a sufficiently high standard of craftsmanship, the judges reserve the right to withhold Awards and not to forward any piece from the preliminary adjudication for final judging at National level.

National judging

The winning piece and runner-up in each competition group from each region, subject to the previous paragraph, may then be sent by the Regional Judges, for National judging. The cost of this postage and all return postage will be borne by the sponsors. The decision of the National Judges will be final and the right to make or withhold awards is reserved solely by them. Medals may be awarded in the event of exceptional work being submitted.

Return of the submission pieces

If entrants require test pieces to be returned after judging they must be submitted in suitable wooden packaging (framed and faced with ply), not exceeding overall dimensions of 600x900x100mm and with the name and return address clearly marked. If these instructions are not followed, the test pieces cannot be returned. Pieces from overseas cannot be returned. Whilst every reasonable care will be taken of the test pieces held for judging, the sponsors do not accept liability for loss or damage to pieces so held or during transit to and from judging centres. The Carpenters' Company and/or the Institute of Carpenters reserve the right to retain for display purposes the National winning models for a period of one year from the date of the award being made. Test pieces not received back by entrant, apart from prize winners, by 1 September 2025 should be reported to the Competition Manager.

The Worshipful Company of Carpenters

The Carpenters' Company is a City of London Livery Company. The Company was established as a medieval trade guild to safeguard the welfare and interests of carpenters in the City of London. Today, charitable activities and support for the craft of woodworking through scholarships, competitions and the Building Crafts College are the cornerstones of its work

The Institute of Carpenters

The Institute of Carpenters is the home for professionals working in wood trades. Established in 1890 to help maintain standards and skills, over a century later, the Institute is still committed to upholding the highest standards of our historic craft and membership is now open to all craftspeople working in wood trades (e.g. carpenters, joiners, wheelwrights, furniture makers, boat builders and shopfitters).

Competition Queries

if you have any queries, in the first instance, please contact info@instituteofcarpenters.com using the subject CCC.