

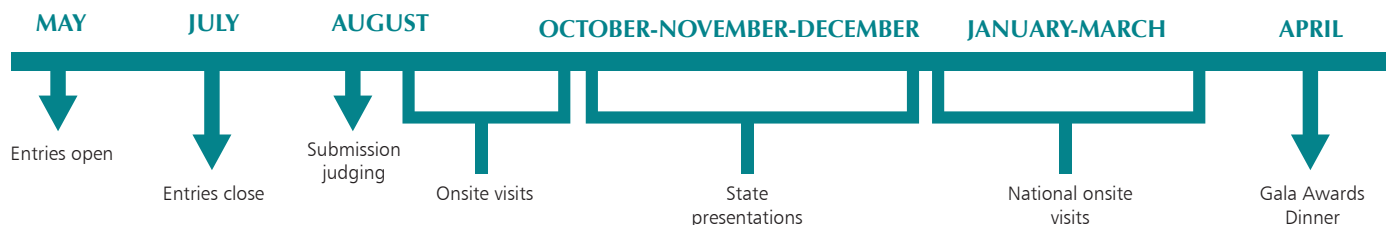
NURSERY & GARDEN INDUSTRY 2010 AWARDS JUDGING



Entries open- June

National onsite visits January- March

Gala Awards Dinner- April



Production Nursery and Garden Centre Categories:

All written submissions in these categories will be assessed against the criteria by a national panel of judges coming together at the one place at the one time. This will take place in early August.

At least three entrants in each category for each State will progress to a State onsite judging visit. This will take place from the end of August 2009. Those entrants will be notified of a timeframe in which the judge may visit. Judges will notify the nursery and garden centre prior to arrival.

Onsite visits will be conducted by a single judge under the guidance of the State Association for each category. Assessment of your site will be undertaken using the National site visit judging criteria.

State winners will become National finalists, with National onsite judging for the Production Nursery Categories and Garden Centre category commencing from December 2009.

Young Leader Category:

Young Leader entries will be judged at State level in line with the National criteria. Some States may combine your submission with a telephone interview or face to face meeting to determine the State finalists and winners. National finalists will be interviewed at National Conference in Darwin in April 2010.

Environmental, Community, Training and Export Categories:

These categories will be assessed by a National panel of judges who will meet around early August 2009 to determine State winners and finalists. State winners will become National finalists, with the highest scoring submission from all entries received in each category named as the National winner.

Supplier Category:

To enter this Award, suppliers will be nominated by the businesses they service with a 30-word summary of why this supplier is worthy of winning a 2010 Nursery & Garden Industry Award. The supplier with the most nominations will be the winner of the state award. The written submission will be taken into account in the event of a tie. All State Winners will be asked to complete a written submission based on the criteria similar to the 2009 Nursery & Garden Industry Awards program. These submissions will be judged by the NGI National Board and the National Winner announced at the Gala Awards Dinner at the National Conference in Darwin 2010.

Finalists and Winners:

All State finalists and winners will be announced at a State Awards night in addition to being formally notified by Awards Absolute. State winners become National finalists and all National winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner at the National Conference in Darwin in April 2010.

Indicative feedback will be provided to entrants prior to National judging with complete feedback reports provided to all entrants at the conclusion of the National announcement.