

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship Awards Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the Apprenticeship Awards?

Each fall (usually October or November), the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) recognizes the journey person in each trade who achieved the highest mark on the journey person exam on their first attempt during the SATCC fiscal year (July 1 to June 31). This person is invited to attend the Apprenticeship Awards banquet and ceremony to recognize their outstanding achievement in the skilled trades. Each year, over 400 people attend the event.

2. When do the Awards occur?

The Apprenticeship Awards are held sometime in October or November each year depending on the availability of convention facilities.

3. Who can attend?

The Journeypersons who are deemed to have achieved the highest marks in their trades receive complimentary invitations to the Awards banquet and ceremony. They are also able to purchase additional tickets for friends, family and guests. In addition, employers, unions, and training partners are encouraged to purchase tickets and/or sponsor the Awards.

4. Who can apply for the Awards and scholarships?

The SATCC Awards and Scholarships are awarded based on merit. Therefore, the SATCC determines the successful candidates based on their achievement on the journey person exams each year. No applications are needed.

5. Where do the Awards take place?

The Apprenticeship Awards banquet takes place in Regina each year.

6. How can I apply for industry scholarships?

Industry and unions associations use the Apprenticeship Awards venue to present their own scholarships. Each association determines the criteria for their scholarships. Most are merit-based and/or with an affiliation to the respective association.

7. Who can sponsor the Apprenticeship Awards to receive promotional benefits?

Any employer/industry association or union can sponsor the Awards, and the SATCC offers benefits with each level of sponsorship. The levels of sponsorship are promoted on this website (www.saskapprenticeship.ca) each summer.

8. What are the Outstanding Employer and Instructor Awards?

Each year, new journeypersons are encouraged to nominate an employer and/or instructor they believe was outstanding in their apprenticeship.

These awards are promoted through a letter sent to all new journeypersons, as well as on the SATCC website [Awards page](#) and in the [SATCC Apprenticeship in Action](#) spring and summer newsletters.

There are two **Outstanding Employer Awards** – one for organizations with more than 50 employees; and one for organizations with fewer than 50 employees. The nomination must show that the employer demonstrated a strong support of apprenticeship training; worked to increase the probability of apprentices' success in the trade; and created an environment of excellence. Nominations must be submitted by an individual, not an organization. The nominator may be an employee of the organization nominated.

There is also one **Outstanding Instructor Award**. The nomination will determine that the instructor went above and beyond the requirements; had excellent presentation skills; was fair, approachable, and firm.

Nominations forms will be posted on the SATCC website [Awards page](#).