



The Furniture Makers' Company  
the furnishing industry's charity

# Young Furniture Makers Design Award

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## An Award for Excellence in Design for Young Furniture Makers

The Young Furniture Makers (YFM) Awards are the student equivalent of our Guild Marks, recognising excellence in the fields of bespoke, design and innovation. Every year we receive hundreds of entries from students for the three awards.

The designs that impress our judges on paper are then invited to show at our Young Furniture Makers exhibition so they can scrutinise them in person and pick three winners.

### Eligibility

A YFM Award can be awarded for a piece or range that is designed by any student who is:

- Studying in full-time education
- Who has or is studying in a private/commercial furniture designer-maker course or who has
- Recently graduated from a United Kingdom university or college.

### Criteria

Excellence in design, materials, manufacture and function

- Are the materials appropriate?
- Does the piece show new thinking?
- Does it represent value?

- Does it solve a problem?
- Have the students considered the method and cost of manufacture?



### Applications

Applications are welcome from universities and colleges. **Tutors may submit up to two pieces of furniture from their college/university or private/commercial institute (this applies to FDA, BA and MA and all other higher education courses, where students are studying full time).**

This award is open to any young furniture maker who is in full time education who has studied in a private/commercial furniture designer-maker course or who has or has recently completed a higher education course.

If you have recently completed a higher education course or a designer-maker course at a private/commercial institute and would like to submit your work, you can do so by contacting your former tutor, they can submit your work on your behalf.

### Assessment Procedure

Applications will be shortlisted by a selection panel appointed by The Furniture Makers' Company. Shortlisted furniture will be exhibited at Furniture Makers' Hall at the annual YFM Exhibition in **October**.

During the exhibition, pieces will be judged and a winning entry will be awarded the award. There will be two runners up receiving second and third place certificates which will be sent after the exhibition.

### Benefits

Pieces or ranges of furniture awarded a YFM Award are recognisably items of quality and excellence. To substantiate and promote this accolade, YFM Award holders are entitled to:

- Use the YFM Award logo on any publicity material relating to each piece awarded a YFM Award
- Receive a YFM Award certificate
- Publicity on the Company's website (furnituremakers.org.uk) and social media



### The Furniture Makers Company

The Furniture Makers' Company is the City of London livery company and charity for the furnishing industry. We're here to help everyone involved with this exciting creative world, whether you are a student, designer, maker, business owner, retailer, current or former employee

- We're here to help when times are tough with grants, services, time and support
- We're encouraging new talent with our extensive education programme, working with schoolchildren, students and young professionals to create a powerful workforce for the future
- We recognise and inspire excellence within the industry with our prestigious Guild Mark Awards

[www.furnituremakers.org.uk](http://www.furnituremakers.org.uk)

### About Young Furniture Makers

Young Furniture Makers is a group dedicated to students who have one thing in common - they love furniture and furnishing! The group was set up by The Furniture Makers' Company to help young, up and coming furniture makers and designers build a network with others in the same field, and to help them on the path to forming a successful career within the industry.

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