



# Young Furniture Makers Bespoke Award

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## An Award for Excellence in British Bespoke Furniture for Young Furniture Makers

The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers is the Livery Company for the British Furnishing Industry. Its purpose is to enhance and support that industry and to encourage new talent into our industry. The most important way it does so is by creating a wide-ranging education programme that helps to support and nurture young talent for the future. It also does so by encouraging public recognition of **excellence in the craft of furniture for the intention of bespoke furniture by the finest young designer-makers in full time education.**

### Criteria

Excellence in design, materials, craftsmanship and function

Is the piece, in both design and craftsmanship, exceptional? There are other matters to consider, for example

- Is the design fit for purpose, does it meet the brief?
- Does the piece show a well-considered approach to the making processes?
- Are the materials, including the fittings and the finish, appropriate?
- Are its proportions and scale harmonious?
- Is the craftsmanship exceptional?



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## Eligibility

An YFM Bespoke Award can be awarded for a one-off piece which is intended for limited production and is designed by any student who is either;

- 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 UK university or college.

## Applications

Applications are welcome from colleges and universities as well as graduates from 2021 and 2022.

The YFM Bespoke Award is open to any furniture designer-maker who is in full time education, who has studied in a private/commercial furniture designer-maker course or who has recently completed a higher education course.

To apply please complete the application form and submit it with three high quality photos to [grantsandeducation@furnituremaklers.org.uk](mailto:grantsandeducation@furnituremaklers.org.uk) by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. We also encourage all applicants to complete the anonymous Equal Opportunities and Monitoring form so that we can create and provide equitable opportunities for everyone.

## Assessment Procedure

Applications will be shortlisted by a selection panel appointed by the Furniture Makers' Company. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to exhibit their furniture at Furniture Makers' Hall at the annual YFM Exhibition on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.

During the exhibition in October, pieces will be judged, and a winning entry will be awarded the YFM Bespoke Award. There will be two runners up receiving second and third place.

If a YFM Bespoke Award is awarded, a certificate, carrying a photograph of the piece, signed by the Master, the Chairman of the Young Furniture Makers Committee and the Clerk will be sent to the successful applicant after the exhibition.

## Benefits

Pieces of furniture awarded an YFM Bespoke Award are recognisably items of quality and excellence. To substantiate and promote this accolade, YFM Bespoke Award holders are entitled to;

- Use the YFM Bespoke Award logo on any publicity material relating to each piece awarded a YFM Bespoke Award
- Receive a numbered YFM Bespoke Award certificate, which clearly states the names of the designer and maker and is itself a guarantee of the authenticity of the piece.



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## **The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers**

The Furniture Makers is the 83rd Livery Company of the City of London. Founded as a Guild in 1551, it was granted the Letters Patent of a Livery Company in 1963. One of its rules states that every person joining the Company must be engaged in or with the British furniture industry.



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