

Rising Star

Award guidelines:

Society for the Environment is seeking exceptional early-career professionals, those within the first ten years of their career, who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and hold Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv), Registered Environmental Practitioner (REnvP), or Registered Environmental Technician (REnvTech) registration, to submit a nomination today!

To nominate yourself, or someone else, for the 2026 Rising Star Award, please **complete the application in full** (next steps listed below).

Ensure you detail the nominee's (or your) commitment to professional practice, major achievements and how the nominee's recent work has made a real difference to protecting, preserving, or enhancing the environment and advancing the principles of sustainability.

Introduction:

Please note - this award is intended for professionals in the early stages of their careers, specifically within the first ten years of experience as an environmental professional, regardless of age. Career breaks will not be counted towards this ten-year period.

Nominees will be judged on the extent to which they have made a difference while demonstrating an outstanding record in the four main competences across each registration, as well as a fifth criteria that underlines exceptional outcomes since registration.

Nominations will be judged using the application alongside background information gained from evidence submitted (please note - it may not be possible to review all links during the judging process).

The nomination must be drawn from the nominee's own recent work and achievements and **focus particularly on demonstrable outcomes since the 1st of January 2025**, which can include ongoing items.

The nomination can **include examples from beyond formal paid work** – e.g., volunteering, and personal projects.

Next Steps

Submission:

We would like you to upload a maximum of **5 additional documents** that would support your application in this section, that demonstrate your competence in each of the 5 application questions (listed below).

These can include:

1. Images from fieldwork;
2. Published articles, a maximum of 5 pages;
3. or other media.

Ensure these documents place **emphasis on your achievements from January 2025** (please note - it may not be possible to review all documents during the judging process).

If you are submitting your application in video form, please upload the videos in this submission stage (then in the application stage please make a note for each question).

Application:

The judges would like you to complete each of the five criteria sections (see below) in this stage with **up to 250 words per section**.

Please ensure that all your answers place emphasis on your achievements **since January 2025**.

1. **Application of knowledge** and understanding of the environment to further the aims of sustainability.
2. **Leadership of, or supporting**, sustainable management of the environment
3. **Effective communication** and interpersonal skills.
4. **Personal commitment** to professional standards, recognising obligations to society, the profession and the environment.
5. **Exceptional outcomes** with a level of involvement deemed instrumental in its success, an innovative approach to opportunities and challenges, or significant personal responsibility for documented successes.

Video Nomination

SocEnv is committed to being an inclusive organisation. You can submit your application in a video to make our application process easier and more accessible.

Video requirements:

- This video must be a talking head style video and should NOT be professionally produced.
- You must submit one video per application question; therefore, we will expect to see five videos in your submission.
- Video answers should be a **maximum of two minutes per question** (application questions are outlined in the section below).
- Title each video with the specific question being addressed.

Entry Conditions:

1. Nominees must be a CEnv, REnvP or REnvTech at the time of nomination and award announcement.
2. Nominations for the current Society for the Environment [Board Members and committees](#) will not be considered. To confirm if eligible, please email sophie.smyth@socenv.org.uk.
3. For a nomination to be eligible, this application must be completed in full (written or video).
4. If a nominate receives multiple nominations, only one eligible nomination form will be used in the final judging decision.
5. The judging panel reserves the right to accept or reject entries.

If you experience difficulties and/or require adjustments for accessibility, please email sophie.smyth@socenv.org.uk.