ENTRY GUIDE

2023





The Global Footwear Awards acknowledges the best in the industry, addressing creativity, innovation, sustainability and social impact.

The GFA's ambition is to provide the highest recognition to footwear designers on all levels, from emerging designers to businesses and corporations. The award offers global visibility to designers, providing greater opportunities in the footwear business and beyond.



Why you should submit?

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Global Recognition

The program is designed to be a celebration of the very best in footwear design. GFA is the only award of its kind that celebrates creativity and craftsmanship on a global scale.

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Customer Growth

Add 'Award Winning' to your design and profile, and generate exposure to an expanded designers' market.

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Team Recognition

Productivity, creativity, motivation, job satisfaction, and morale are boosted by well-deserved recognition.

International Exposure

Benefit from the Global Footwear Awards marketing campaigns, press releases, newsletters, interviews, and promotions.

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Connection

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with the worldwide sports design community. Meet your peers and forge new opportunities through networking.

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Website Profile

Your footwear design will have a stunning profile display, sharing winning information, along with company and designer's details.

GETTING STARTED

Register and complete your profile information.

Pick your experience level, add your company or school details and create a password.

Validate.

Once you have registered; you can run through the steps, save your progress then come back to complete your profile if needed.



CREATE AN ENTRY

Submit your work - access your dashboard.

Click on "Submit" to the design section related to your project:

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The Global Footwear Awards shares your innovative and ground-breaking designs with the world. Submit your best designs today.

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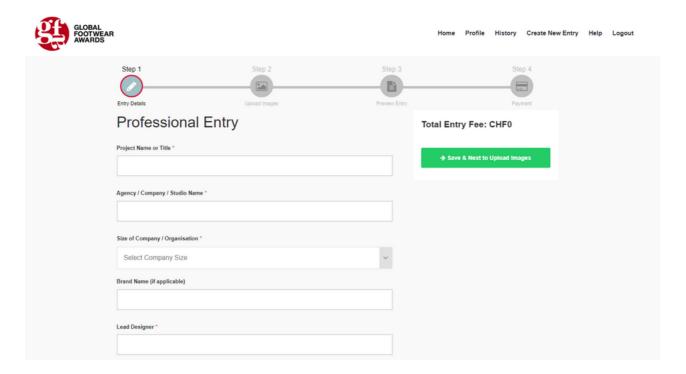
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IMPORTANT:

- We recommend uploading a minimum of 6 pictures to a maximum of 10 images. Professional pictures are highly preferred.
- The "first Image" will be used as your entry profile picture to showcase and identify your entry, do not frame and watermark your photos.
- Do not include your/your company name in the "Entry Name" and in the description.
- · Please complete your submission in English no special characters.

ENTRY FORM

Step 1/ Complete the entry form. The online entry form is split into four steps: Entry Details / Entry Upload / Preview Entry / Payment



ENTRY DETAILS /

For professional submissions, you need to provide the following information:

- Design Name Project Name (required)
- Company Name (required)
- Size of the company (required)
- Lead Designer (required)
- Other Designers Names(optional)
- Manufacturer (optional)
- Distributor (s) (optional)
- Photo credit (optional)
- Category(ies) (required)
- Estimated selling price & Available to buy from (optional)
- Brief description of the design (required)
- Upload images (required) and/or PDF documents (optional)
- Add links to design/product (videos, online materials, website, etc) (optional)

For student submissions, you need to provide the following information:

- Design Name Project Name (required)
- Name of your University (optional)
- Designer name (required)
- Other Designer's Names (optional)
- Professor names(s) (optional)
- Photo credit (optional)
- Category(ies) (required)
- Brief description of the product (required)
- Upload images (required) and/or PDF documents (optional)
- Add links to design/product (videos, online materials, website, etc) (optional)

ENTRY FORM

Select which categories you wish to enter, you may enter the same design into as many categories as you see fit. In fact, doing so may increase your chances of winning.

IMPORTANT/

- There is a 50% discount for the additional category picked.
- There is no limitation to the number of categories you choose.
- We accept concept, prototype, and commercialized designs.
- It is important to note that each design is evaluated separately; the jury members are not evaluating a "body of work" or a "collection" of design. Please prepare one application for each footwear submission.

Entry Categories	
FASHION SNEAKERS	
BAREFOOT	□ BOOTS
BROGUES	☐ HIGH HEELS
☐ KIDS FASHION	☐ MEN'S FASHION
☐ SANDALS	☐ SNEAKERS
☐ UNISEX FASHION	☐ WOMEN'S FASHION
SPECIAL AWARDS	
☐ 3D PRINT FOOTWEAR	☐ ARTISTIC FOOTWEAR
☐ COLLABORATION	☐ GRAVITY SKETCH FOOTWEAR
☐ MEDICAL FOOTWEAR	☐ SOCIAL IMPACT
SPORTS PERFORMANCE	
☐ BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL/RUGBY	HIKING
☐ INDOOR ATHLETIC SPORTS	☐ OUTDOOR ATHLETIC SPORTS
☐ PERFORMANCE ARTS	☐ RUNNING/TRAIL RUNNING
☐ SUMMER ATHLETIC SPORTS	☐ WINTER ATHLETIC SPORTS
SUSTAINABILITY	
☐ BIODEGRADABLE FOOTWEAR	☐ NATURAL MATERIAL/VEGAN FOOTWEAR
☐ OTHER SUSTAINABLE FOOTWEAR	☐ RECYCLED MATERIALS

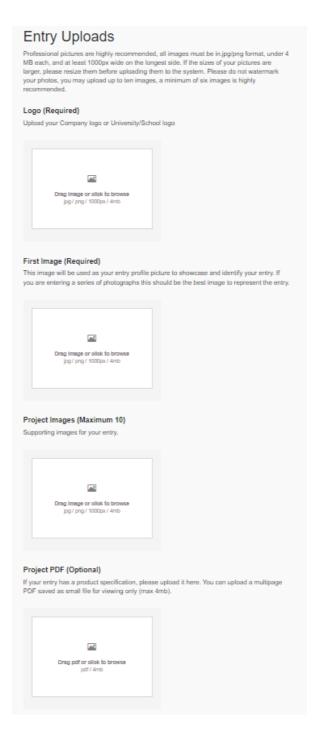
ENTRY UPLOAD

Step 2/ Upload your images, company/university logo and a PDF document.

You can upload up to 10 images, the logo of your company or university and one PDF document; use it as a specification sheet to provide more insight on your project.

IMPORTANT/

- We recommend uploading a minimum of 6, and a maximum of 10 images relating to your project.
- The "First Image" will be used as your entry profile picture to showcase and identify your entry.
- Professional pictures are highly recommended, all images must be in.jpg/png format, under 4 MB each, and at least 1000px wide on the longest side. If the sizes of your pictures are larger, please resize them before uploading them to the system.
- Do not watermark your photos.
- Please ensure that you have the appropriate copyright clearances for all photography submitted. All entrants understand that any image submitted to the competition may be used by GFA for marketing and promotional purposes.
- The PDF document is only used by the Jury members when voting, the document will not be published.



ENTRY REVIEW

Step 3/ Review your application:

 Once you have uploaded all the required material for your submission, please review your submission carefully, checking for any errors or missing information, before finalizing the payment.

PAYMENT

Step 4/ Pay and receive your invoice:

- Submission fees are the last step in processing your application.
- Multiple entry payments are possible, just click and select those you would like to proceed with.
- Payment must be made via credit a card or Paypal.
- The cost summary is including the early submissions discount, when applicable.
- The company is based in Switzerland therefore the program currency is CHF Swiss Franc, however, you can pay in all currencies accepted by stripe & Paypal.
- Please make sure your company details have been fully completed under "profile" as the invoice will be under this company name and address.
- Once you have entered your payment information, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to download the invoice; you can also find the invoice under "History" - "Completed Entries."

If you have any questions, please check our <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> on the Global Footwear Awards website.

Thank you for submitting your projects and sharing your design with us!

Contact/

Please feel free to contact us at any time customer service: support@globalfootwearawards.com www.globalfootwearawards.com

JUDGING CRITERIA

The evaluation process for entries to the Global Footwear Awards is based on various judging criteria. These criteria are not comprehensive and not all criteria are applied to each project, they simply provide an orientation framework and basis for judging — which is complemented by each individual juror's expertise and socio-cultural background.

Each member of the Jury is passionately committed to providing a fair evaluation. Jury members are assigned categories based on their specific backgrounds and expertise. Our jury members cast their votes individually and anonymously to ensure unbiased and impartial judging. Jury votes are tallied and the highest overall scoring entries are selected as winners.

- Aesthetics form, shape, color, texture, finishing, the material used, etc.
- Innovation does the shoe provide something new to the market or supplement/improve an existing product?
- Practicality/Functionality ease of cleaning, safety, repairs, maintenance
- Durability the quality and longevity of the product, is it adaptable to extreme conditions?
- Impact the benefit delivered to the users, does it increase performance, or increase comfort?
- Ecological compatibility potential environmental and/or ecological impact, local produce, repair circle, materials used.
- Emotional quotient in addition to fulfilling its practical purpose, does the shoe create a sense of enjoyment and satisfaction?

ENTRY FEES

Company / Brand from CHF 100 up to CHF400 incl. VAT.

Same entry in additional categories at a 50% discount

Independent Designer CHF 55 incl. local VAT/

Same entry in additional categories at a 50% discount

Student CHF 35 incl. local VAT/

Same entry in additional categories at a 50% discount

DEADLINES

- 20% Early Bird discount until June 30th, 2023
- 10% Extended Early Bird discount until August 4th, 2023
- Final Deadline: September 30th then a 20% late fee will apply till November 3rd, 2023
- The Program will close on November 3rd, 2023

