



FAQs

1. Who can be nominated for the award?

Any individual that has displayed extraordinary initiative is eligible to be nominated. These individual must have distinguished him/herself in supporting mission critical organizational goals; should have contributed to industry initiative, built stronger relationship with colleagues, and have contributed to knowledge and practice in the field of cybersecurity. Former and current Young CISO network staff, including its affiliate network working for initiative of promoting youth and adolescence participation in cyber advocacy are ineligible.

2. Can I nominate myself?

Self-nominations are strongly discouraged.

3. What are the eligibility requirements for the Young CISO Awards?

The Young CISO Awards competition is open to all individuals involved in information and cyber security services. Age 36 as at December 2020.

4. What are the award categories available?

The Young CISO Awards program recognizes Seven (7) honorees in the following categories:

- Excellence in Cyber Security Incident Response & Cybercrime Management
- Excellence in Threat Hunting, Bug Bounty and Cyber Threat Intelligence
- Excellence in Governance, Information Risk Management and Compliance (GRC)
- Excellence in Security Infrastructure Engineering and Asset Security
- Excellence in Disruptive Technologies, Cloud and Embedded Device Security
- Excellence in Data Protection and Information Privacy
- Excellence in End User Cyber Security Advocacy and Situational Awareness

Added to the seven award domain, we have the top award. Overall Performer, **Young CISO of the Year!**



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5. After nomination, what's next?

Nomination window are open till January 31, 2021. Once nominations are filled, our back office process reviews the nomination. Unfortunately, we do not accept self-nominations, neither do we guarantee all nominations would be confirmed. Our BackOffice reviews usually takes 48-72 hours after which your nominees may be confirmed.

6. Who selects the winner?

All completed nominations will be reviewed by the members of our panel of judges, all of whom are senior executives with diverse, cyber security, regulatory, Human capital, and business backgrounds. These executive are recognized experts in their fields.

7. What is the Award Evaluation Process like?

Our judging and evaluation process is a streamlined one. All award nominations are fully analyzed, evaluated and scored by our expert panel of judges. The evaluation criteria are focused around the concept of individual contribution beyond the framework of normal professional duties and go beyond the call of duty. We have developed the evaluation criteria and a corresponding set of assessment and scales that we believe allow for a fair, honest and equitable assessment of each entry.

8. What criteria will be considered to determine the Award winner?

Nominees are considered in the following light: The deed for which the person is nominated should take place outside the framework of normal professional duties; we expect our distinguished nominees to go beyond the call of duty; achieving the following:

- Contributed to the cybersecurity goals, strategy and mission of their organization and its supply chain.*
- Added value to self through learning and continuing professional development*
- Raised awareness for improve cyber security within the organization and the extended cybersecurity community*
- Promoted advocacy and use of internet safety measures for the last mile user*
- Played a vital role upholding a reputable image for their organization.*



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In the spirit of the cyber technology “Break Through,” we are looking for young achievers that have

- *supported the course of endearing innovation,*
- *has helped solve complex or critical problem, or*
- *seized an opportunity to create or revolutionize idea towards national cyber security and technology development.*

Also, in line the state or county cyber security regulation, we expect our participants

- *Should have reflected the values of regulatory institution of the nation, state or county where they reside*

Popular votes count also. *We expect our nominees should have influenced the community, so votes casted for the nominee counts in the overall scheme.*

9. How can I be sure my nominations have been received?

All nominations must be submitted online. Once the nominations are submitted, you will receive a response from the YCN Secretariat to confirm we have received the nomination. Our BackOffice reviews usually takes 48-72 hours after which your nominees may be confirmed.

10. Must the nomination be in English? *No. Nominations can be submitted in any of the official languages of the United Nations (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, and Chinese). Please contact the YCN secretariat for a different language version template: info@youngciso.net*

11. How are the awards nominations judged?

Judges are senior-level, experienced Cybersecurity professionals that have personally worked within the information security space, including Banking, Telco, Academia with experience in a range of information security positions and perspectives. From successful technology startups to veteran industry leaders, the panel of judges bring a balanced perspective of evaluation for the award nominations. The decision of the judges is final. Details of the judging panel deliberations will not be disclosed publicly.



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12. Is the selection process confidential?

Yes, the selection of the winner and finalists is completely confidential.

13. When is the deadline for nominations?

The deadline to submit nominations is midnight GMT, 31 January 2021.

14. When the deadline for Voting?

Voting continues till 72 hours before award program. Dates for the award program will be announced in earnest.

15. How do I obtain a nomination form?

Nomination can be made via Young CISO online website <https://youngcisonetwork.com/nominate/>

16. How do I submit a nomination? *The award submission process is simple. Simply visit the nominations page <https://youngcisonetwork.com/nominate/> and fill out the required form prior to January 31, 2021.*

The award submission process is intentionally streamlined, focused on simple questions. We ask that response to the questions are kept to approximately 500 words or less. Once nomination is filled online, and submitted, the nominations are received real time into the YCN database. All nomination entered online and registered real time.

Entries will be treated by The Young CISO BackOffice team as confidential and the content of the nominations will not be publicly published without consent of the nominee. Note that emailed or hard copy submission forms will not be accepted except at the discretionary approval of Young CISO governing team

17. How is the Awardees honored?

The winner of the YCN awards will be presented at the Annual National Cyber Security Summit. This summit is the premier cyber security and information management conference focused on critical issues facing cyber security today. The conference brings together cyber security professionals from the public and private sectors. For more information, visit <https://youngcisonetwork.com/event/>



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18. What do I need to provide to supplement my nomination?

Nominations consist of a description of the nominee's work and how they fulfil the selection criteria. This includes details of why the nominee should be considered, evidence that they have positively made industry links to articles, publications, works etc. these will be useful. Additional information supporting the nomination, including websites, news articles, Job recommendations, promotions, social media posts and other awards bestowed on the nominee, is welcome.

19. Do I need to provide references?

Nominations may not be considered if references are not included. These referees should be diversely selected and have the ability to verify the nominees' work and why their work has made a significant impact within an organization as well as the industry. YCN will require at least one verifiable and competent reference.

20. How many winners are honored with the YCN Award annually?

As a general rule, one recipient is chosen as the Overall Young CISO of the year. In exceptional circumstances more than one person may be awarded the coveted price. We also have awards for other categories. Details is provided on the YCN award category section.

https://youngcisonetwork.com/award_categories/

21. Are regional winners recognized? Yes. Regional winners are selected from different geographical locations around Africa and the world. Please contact the YCN secretariat for regional event activities:

info@youngcisom.net

22. What are the steps for the Awards Process?

- **STEP 1: Nominations:** Nominees are gained via our online nomination or via special nomination referrals sent to specially designated bodies/institutions
- **STEP 2: Evaluating Nominees:** All those who formally accept their nomination will be asked if they would like to submit material for further consideration as supporting evidence.



- **STEP 3: Voting:** While the Judges evaluation remains the authority for evaluating the final winners, we encourage voting. The voting weight are added inclusive of the overall evaluation points.
- **STEP 4: Research and Judging:** Our research and judging team are senior executives with diverse, cyber security, regulatory and business backgrounds; they will assess all information presented when it comes to determining winners. The team may also gather information independently from a number of publicly available sources, they will assess the material supplied by the nominees and by those who put them forward originally. They will cast their final judgment based on a fair but comprehensive assessment criteria.
- **STEP 5: Contacting and Announcing the Winners:** Once winners have been determined each winner will be announced during our Annual National Cyber Security Summit
- **STEP 6: Honoring Winners:** Winners will be honored and presented with Award during the Annual National Cyber Security Summit
- **STEP 7: Promote Your Win:** We encourage all of our winners to publicly announce their win independently. Announcements via company websites, social media channels, via publicly released press releases, and through local and national press are a great way of really maximizing the exposure gained from such an amazing achievement.

23. Sponsorship?

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring the Young CISO Network. Here are the sponsorship package details:

- Display your company logo on the homepage sidebar (linked to your website)
- Feature your brand on the nomination submission page (sidebar)
- Feature your brand on the awards overview page sidebar (after awards have been announced)
- SEO impact you receive from linking back to your website
- Social media promotion of your sponsorship participation



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Please send your sponsorship request to info@youngciso.net– complete with your company logo file (jpg or png), URL to your website (link will be placed on your logo). Detailed sponsors briefing can be downloaded [here](#).

24. What are the Benefits of participating in the Young CISO Award?

Earning the coveted Young CISO Award provides compelling benefits, including, but not limited to:

- **BRAGGING RIGHTS**
- Industry-wide recognition and media attention through The Young CISO press release announcing the honorees
- Participation in the Young CISO Network events, conference, seminars and promotional activities, including media and analyst outreach, social media promotion, etc.
- Young CISO Award recognition available to include on social media materials (press release, social media, personal website, etc.)



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