



Young Ideas — South Africa’s Future Gold Standard CIPC IP Youth Awards 2026

CALL FOR ENTRIES: CIPC Youth Awards 2026

The CIPC Youth Awards 2026 invites young innovators, entrepreneurs, creators, and changemakers from across South Africa to showcase bold ideas, market-ready solutions, and impactful business ventures. This is your opportunity to gain national visibility, present your project to expert judges, and connect with leaders in business, innovation, and intellectual property.

If you are building a startup, scaling a business, developing new technology, or leading a high-impact project — we encourage you to enter.

<p>Why Enter? Participants will have the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have their projects evaluated by a distinguished panel of experts • Gain recognition and national exposure • Receive expert feedback and insights • Connect with fellow youth innovators and entrepreneurs • Unlock potential partnership and growth opportunities 	<p>Application Requirements The application requires detailed information about your project. Please be prepared with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A concise one-sentence concept note/description of your project • A clear description of your business model • Names and titles of your team members • Information on current revenue and the funding you need to raise • Up to three (3) supporting documents related to your project (pitch deck, brochure, research summary, prototype overview)
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Who Should Apply?

- Youth-led startups and businesses
- Student innovators and researchers
- Early-stage and growing enterprises
- Technology, creative, social impact, and product innovators

South Africa's future is being built today by its young people. Step forward and show us your innovation, your drive, and your vision — because the Youth of SA are the Gold of our Future.

Apply now!

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Key dates :

Entries open: 18 February 2026
Entries close: 13 March 2026
Awards evening: 26 March 2026

