

Outstanding Contribution to Business Award 2010

The Outstanding Contribution to Business Award was introduced in 2000 to showcase and celebrate achievement among the female business and professional community in Scotland across all sectors. As well as highlighting the ever increasing contribution of women to the economic success of Scotland, the Award is aimed at identifying appropriate role models to inspire and motivate others.

Previous winners have been:

- 2000: Jackie Brierton
- 2001: Lesley Quirk
- 2002: Nora Farrell
- 2003: Amanda Boyle
- 2004: Ann Rushforth
- 2005: Ann Mulhern
- 2006: Pat Denzler
- 2007: Sylvia Halkerston
- 2008: Donna Banks
- 2009 Linda Urquhart

We are now inviting nominations for the 2010 Award. It is an exciting opportunity to showcase your achievements to date to a wider audience. All finalists are profiled on the evening and included in press releases about the Awards. For the Winners, ASB has a strong track record in offering a package of prizes which in previous years has included a glass trophy, office furniture, a mentoring package from a top Scottish businesswoman, and flight and accommodation prizes.

Eligibility

The Award is open to employed and self-employed women in the business professions, private, public, and voluntary sectors in Scotland. Candidates must be able to demonstrate their competence in their chosen field and, more importantly, must show how that competence has benefited business or professional life in Scotland.

It is not necessary to be a member of an existing businesswoman's club or network to enter for the Award. This award is made to an individual, rather than to an organisation.

How to Apply

If you would like to take part in the Award your application can be made in one of two ways:

1. The nominee sends their own application
2. Nominations are received on behalf of the nominee

Both methods must include:

- Completed cover sheet
- Completed application form stating how you meet the judging criteria (no more than two A4 pages)
- Short statement from two referees which endorse the application (these statements should be no more than one page each and should describe how the nominee has helped or supported them and what impact it has had on them. They must know the nominee in a professional or business capacity or be a member of an ASB club).

Judging Criteria

The judges will use the following criteria to assess entries:

- The **individual's** contribution to business and the professions in Scotland including, but not exclusively, promoting the role of women
- Evidence of giving back to business and also to the community and/or individuals
- Drive and determination
- Demonstration of commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility
- Though not a principal assessment criteria, a strong business/career track record, networking, leadership and communication skills are a pre-requisite and should be evidenced within the application/judging process

It is not necessary to be able to demonstrate all of the criteria before applying.

Key Details

Entries close on **21st May 2010**, and shortlisted finalists will be advised by 3rd June 2010.

Finalists will be required to attend an interview with the judging panel on 18th June in Edinburgh or Glasgow. The interview is to clarify details in the application and learn more about the candidate and her business.

The judging panel will comprise of four independent judges who represent various sectors of business. An ASB representative will be present but takes no part in the final decision.

All information will be confidential.

The winner will be announced at the ASB Awards Dinner on Friday 27th August 2010 at Elphinstone Hall, Aberdeen. **All finalists are required to attend the Awards Dinner.**

Feedback to the unsuccessful finalists will be available on request after the Awards Dinner from Anne Bunting.

5 copies of the full application should be sent to:

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Closing Date: 21st May 2010

Checklist

5 Copies of:

- Cover Sheet
- Application (2 pages)
- Reference (2 x 1 page)

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Cover Sheet

Entrant's details (required in all cases)

Name

Company/Organisation

Address

Tel No.

Email Address

Website address

Proposer/Referee's details (1) (delete as appropriate)

Name

Company/Organisation

Address

Tel No.

Email Address

Website address

Proposer/Referee's details (2) (delete as appropriate)

Name

Company/Organisation

Address

Tel No.

Email Address

Website address

It is compulsory that a reference is attached to all copies of your application.

