

Outstanding Contribution to Business Award

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.

The Award 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, however a small administration charge is charged for non-members. 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
- A statement describing how you meet the judging criteria, not exceeding two A4 pages
- Short statements from two referees that 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. Each referee must know the nominee in a professional or business capacity.
- Payment of administration charge (for non-members)

Judging Criteria

The judges will use the following criteria to assess entries:

- The **individual's** contribution to business and the professions in Scotland including, though 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 part of the main 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.

Previous winners

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
2010 Eileen Auld

Application process and dates

The application process, cover sheet and dates will be published on the ASB website when nominations open. If you would like to apply for this award, or to nominate someone else, please check the website for further details.