

LADIES FIRST AWARDS EVENING

Recognising the Achievements of Women

1. Business Woman of the Year ***Sponsored by Janine Edwards Wealth Management***

This is to recognise someone who is either a Business Owner or member of Senior Management of a Company that has performed outstandingly throughout the year. You and your business should stand out from the crowd, the winner of this category will have developed a strong business presence with proof of particular achievements and an innovative approach.

Judges will be looking for a person that can be universally admired for their commercial practice and dedication to success.

2. Unique Business

This business is individualistic, bespoke, unusual. It stands out from the crowd for being different. It is successful and enterprising. The judges will want to hear the idea behind it and goals for the future.

3. New Business of the Year

This is to recognise and reward a new Business Owner who has been trading for no more than two years.

If nominated, we ask the business owner to tell us why they started the business, what their achievements and aspirations have been to date and potential for growth within the coming years.

The Judges are looking for a person who had a clear goal and followed her vision and dreams to deliver her initial idea.

4. Business Entrepreneur

This person is either a successful Entrepreneur, a self-starter and a motivator.

The Judges will be looking at individual achievements, results returned by their business and unique approach to the marketplace. They will be selected for their entrepreneurial spirit.

5. Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Award

This is a Business Woman who works for a company or a Business Woman who owns a company which excels in the field of science and technology. This award recognises advancement and innovation in daily life.

The finalists will be selected on their dedication, sustainability and how they have been able to demonstrate how the use of STEM improves not only the performance and leads to expanded business growth of the company but also shows how women can succeed and inspire other women to enter their field of business which to some may be perceived as male dominated industry.

6. Successful Career from Home Award

We will be looking for a Business Woman who has decided to establish and set-up a business working from home.

This person will be recognised for their ability and dedication to developing something creative across a variety of industries. They must be able to demonstrate dedication to financial achievement, as well as a strong dedication to future business success whether this is on their own or balancing a home family life too.

7. Achieves in Business (Employee Award)

This is a person that has been nominated by their Company. This person may work behind the scenes, customer facing or in sales/business development role. Someone, who has gone that extra mile for the Company.

If chosen, we will ask the company to tell us why they believe this person deserves this Award.

8. Achieves in Business

This person will be in Management or Owner of a Company. Her achievements within the business will be outstanding and will have made a great impact in the company's overall growth. The judges will want to hear about future goals and aspirations.

9. Achieves for Charity Award

This person is someone who runs or works on behalf of a charity or social enterprise. This may be charitable, volunteering, pro bono or simply supporting an organisation with their time.

The Judges will focus on fundraising projects, financial constraints and how you have overcome these challenges. They will want to hear what positive impact this has made to people's lives.

10. Inspirational Woman Award

This lady is an inspiration and we need to know why. Her enthusiasm either in the workplace or the community makes her stand out from the crowd and her creative influence inspires others.

The judges will want to know why this lady is so special and how she has contributed to the community

11. Achieves through Networking

This lady will stand out for her ability to provide a support network for others through networking.

12. Young Achiever Awards

- 1. Rising Star in Education**
- 2. Apprenticeship**

This award is to recognise someone within full-time Education, whether studying College or University or an apprentice. This young lady is a 'Rising Star' recognised by their Educational Establishment/Employer for their hardworking and determination to succeed and is someone who has a bright future ahead and deserve to be recognised.

You can enter yourself or be entered by an educational provider or employer

13. Inspirational Young Achiever Award

This young lady succeeds against all odds. She inspires others with her passion for life despite overcoming difficult times.

14. Venue/ Venue Host Award Sponsored by Ladies First

This is an award chosen by Ladies First and members. It is in recognition for the help and support they have given us and our attendees for the last 12 months.

- 15. Advocate for Women Award
Sponsored by Susie MacKie – Women of Spirit**

16. Ladies first Life Time Achievement Award

Sponsored by Ladies First – announced at the Awards Dinner