



Indigenous Businesswoman of the Year 2024

This document lists the questions and word counts to assist you in preparing the submission prior to completing it online. You will also be required to upload company logos, photos and / or documents. You may start the online nomination at any time and will be able to update or amend it prior to the closing date of Friday 22 March 2024.

Note: nominations must be completed and submitted via the online Awards platform – submissions will not be accepted via any other method. To nominate for any of our Supplier Diversity Award categories, please go to www.awards.supplynation.org.au

Note: if the business has won this award within the past two years (2022 or 2023), you are NOT eligible to be nominated for this award in 2024.

Category Description and Criteria

This award recognises a female-identifying Indigenous business owner who has driven significant and sustainable growth in her business and has demonstrated ongoing engagement with Supply Nation and / or our members and Indigenous businesses.

The winner will:

1. Identify as an Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander woman
2. Be the owner of a business listed on Indigenous Business Direct that has been in operation for at least three years as of 1 January 2024 (ie. from 1 January 2021)
3. Demonstrate business acumen
4. Demonstrate increased business engagements with Supply Nation members and / or Supply Nation Indigenous businesses
5. Demonstrate business growth
6. Demonstrate commitment to building a prosperous, vibrant and sustainable Indigenous business sector

Context Questions

Please note: These questions are not scored by our judging panel but do provide them with valuable context about the business.

1. Name of the Nominee, the Nominee's role within the business, the pronouns used or preferred by the Nominee, phonetic pronunciation of the Nominee
2. Please include the Nominee's biography outlining professional career highlights
3. Tell us about the business. **150 words max.**
4. When was the business listed on Indigenous Business Direct?
5. Is the business a Certified Supplier with Supply Nation? If yes, date of the certification.

Criteria Questions

Please note: These questions are scored by our judging panel and have been developed to align with the category criteria as set out on the first page.

1. Explain the vision / aspiration for the business. Give specific examples of plans for continued growth. **250 words max.**
2. What challenges has the Nominee's business faced and how were they overcome? **200 words max.**
3. How many Supply Nation members and / or Supply Nation Indigenous businesses did the Nominee collaborate and do business with in 2023?
4. How many Supply Nation members and / or Supply Nation Indigenous businesses did the Nominee collaborate and do business with in 2022?
5. What is the percentage increase in the number of Supply Nation members and / or Indigenous businesses that the Nominee did business with from the 2022 to 2023 calendar years?
6. Give specific examples of areas of growth in the Nominee's business up to the end of 2023. **350 words max.**
7. Explain other ways the Nominee's business positively impacts the Indigenous business sector. **200 words max.**
8. Give examples of how the Nominee engages with Supply Nation and its stakeholders. **200 words max.**

Prepare to Upload Attachments

Please note: As part of this nomination, you must attach the files below when you make the nomination. The maximum size allowed is 5MB per file. The images and information you choose to upload will be used if you are selected as a finalist in the award category.

1. Between one and four photos of the Nominee and / or their team. (High-resolution, at least 1MB and portrait orientation NOT landscape.)
2. A logo of the Nominee's business. Vector (.ai or .eps), .png or .jpg file type - please upload both colour AND black / white versions, AND horizontal and vertical / stacked options if possible.)

Good Luck!

Nominations close at 11:59pm AEDT on Friday 22 March 2024. This date is final and there will be no extensions provided. You can amend the nomination, even after submitting it, up until this time.

Winners will be announced at the Connect Gala Awards Dinner on Thursday 29 August on Turrbal and Jagera land at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition centre. To stay up to date with event announcements, subscribe to the Connect newsletter [here](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page to submit the details) or follow Supply Nation on [social media](#).

If you have any questions or feedback, please email connect@supplynation.org.au or call 1300 055 298.