



## Indigenous Businesswoman of the Year 2026

This document lists the questions and word limits 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 update or amend it prior to **11:59pm AEDT, Sunday 22 March 2026.**

**Nominations must be completed and submitted via the online Awards platform: [awards.supplynation.org.au](http://awards.supplynation.org.au)**  
**Submissions will not be accepted via any other method.**

Note: if an individual or organisation won an award in 2024 or 2025, they are **not** eligible to be nominated for the same category in 2026.

### Category Description and Criteria

This award recognises a woman-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 2026 (ie. from 1 January 2023).
3. Demonstrate business acumen and growth.
4. Demonstrate increased business engagements with Supply Nation members and / or Supply Nation Indigenous suppliers.
5. 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 nominee.

1. Nominee's role.
2. Nominee's biography (outline their professional career highlights). **30 words max.**
3. Tell us about the nominee. (Describe the individual / business you are nominating, what it does, their key goals or objectives, and / or vision or values) **100 words max.**
4. When was the nominee listed on Indigenous Business Direct? (Please provide the month and year)
5. Is the nominee a Certified Supplier? (If yes, provide the 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. What is the nominee's vision or aspiration for their business to ensure its ongoing growth and sustainability? **200 words max.**
2. Describe how the nominee has made business decisions that demonstrate sound business acumen. **200 words max.**
3. How many Supply Nation members and / or suppliers did the nominee collaborate with in 2025?
4. How many Supply Nation members and / or suppliers did the nominee collaborate with in 2024?
5. What is the percentage increase in the number of Supply Nation members and / or suppliers that the nominee collaborated with between the 2024 to 2025 calendar years?
6. Provide up to three specific examples of areas of growth in the nominee's business up to the end of the 2025 calendar year. **250 words max.**
7. What initiatives or strategies has the nominee implemented to support the growth and sustainability of the Indigenous business sector. **200 words max.**
8. What steps has the nominee taken to increase engagement with Supply Nation, its members and Indigenous suppliers? **200 words max.**

## Upload Attachments

As part of this nomination, you must attach the files listed below. The maximum size is 5MB per file. The content you choose to upload will be used if the nominee is selected as a finalist.

1. Between one and four photos of the nominee and / or their team (high-resolution, at least 1MB and portrait orientation NOT landscape).

2. High-resolution logo of the nominee's business:
  - Full colour **and** black and white versions
  - Horizontal and vertical / stacked options
  - Preferred file type: vector (.ai or .eps), also accepted: .png, .jpg

## Good Luck

Nominations close at **11:59pm AEDT, Sunday 22 March 2026**. 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 2026 Gala Awards Dinner on Wednesday 12 August at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Whadjuk Land. To stay up to date with announcements, visit the [Connect website](#) and follow our social channels.

If you have any questions, contact us at [connect@supplynation.org.au](mailto:connect@supplynation.org.au).