



Sam Tjengala Reuben Award recognising Young Indigenous Entrepreneur of the Year 2023

This document lists the questions and word counts to assist you in preparing your 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 2 June 2023.

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 you / your organisation has won this award within the past two years (2021 or 2022), you are NOT eligible to be nominated for this award in 2023.

Category Description and Criteria

This award recognises a young Indigenous entrepreneur who has successfully brought their business idea to fruition, can demonstrate the potential for significant growth in the years to come and has demonstrated ongoing engagement with Supply Nation and / or our members and Indigenous businesses. The winner will:

- Identify as an Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander person under 35 years old as at 1 December 2022
- Be the owner and founder / co-founder of a business listed on Indigenous Business Direct that has been in operation for at least one year as of 1 January 2023 (ie. from 1 January 2022 or earlier)
- Demonstrate business acumen
- Demonstrate business growth
- Identify and meet a need / gap in the market
- 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 you / your organisation.

1. Name of the nominee, the phonetic pronunciation of the nominee's name, the nominee's role within the organisation, the pronouns used or preferred by the nominee, and the professional bio of the nominee.
2. Tell us about your business. **150 words max.**
3. When was your business listed on Indigenous Business Direct?
4. Are you a Certified Supplier with Supply Nation? If yes, when was your business certified?
5. What is the nominee's birth date?
6. Please include a brief description that outlines your business / organisation's achievements in relation to this award category. **75 words max.**
7. In what ways do you think First Nations businesses are unique? **50 words max.**
8. How do you or your team define success when it comes to your business? **50 words max.**

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 your vision or aspirations for the business. Please give specific examples of plans for continued growth for the business. **350 words max.**
2. What challenges have you faced in starting this business and how did you overcome them?
250 words max.
3. What three things do you believe contributed most to the success of your business?
300 words max.
4. Give specific examples of areas of growth in your business up to the end of 2022. **500 words max.**
5. What need / gap in the market does your business fill? **200 words max.**
6. Explain how you identified the gap/ need and how your business fills this. **250 words max.**
7. Explain other ways your business positively impacts the Indigenous business sector.
250 words max.
8. Give examples of how you engage with Supply Nation and its stakeholders. **250 words max.**

Prepare to Upload Attachments

Please note: As part of this nomination, you must attach the files below when you make your 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 your 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 organisation. (Vector (.ai), .eps 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 on Friday 2 June 2023. This date is final and there will be no extensions provided. You can amend your nomination, even after submitting it, up until this time.

Finalists will be announced in late June. Winners will be announced at the Connect Gala Awards Dinner on Tuesday 8 August on Gadigal Land at the International Convention Centre, Sydney. To stay up to date with event announcements, subscribe to the Connect newsletter [here](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page to submit your 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.