

SBA Small Business Awards 2026

Terms & Conditions of Entry

1. General Eligibility Criteria

- 1.1 The SBA Small Business Awards 2025 ("the Awards") are open to all businesses operating within Western Australia.
- 1.2 Entrants must have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) and be currently trading.
- 1.3 The Awards are open to SBA members and non-members. However, eligibility may differ based on award category criteria.
- 1.4 Board members, staff of the SBA, and immediate family members of judges are not eligible to enter.

2. Award Categories & Entry Limits

- 2.1 General entrants may enter a maximum of one category for free, current SBA Members may enter unlimited categories for free. Additional category entries are subject to entry fees. Membership must remain current and fully paid for the duration of the application, judging and awards period.
- 2.2 A business can only win one award, except for "Best Overall" and "People's Choice".
- 2.3 SBA reserves the right to reallocate entries to a more suitable category if deemed necessary.

3. Entry Submission Requirements

- 3.1 Entries must be submitted via the official SBA entry portal by the specified deadline.
- 3.2 Each entry must include supporting documentation (e.g., financial performance, testimonials, and business registration details).
- 3.3 All information provided must be accurate, and any false or misleading information may result in disqualification.

4. Entry Fees & Payment Terms

- 4.1 Each eligible business may enter one category free of charge. Additional entries are subject to the following fees:
 - SBA Members: \$100 per additional category
 - Non-Members: \$0 per additional category
 - Not-for-Profit Non-Members: \$50 per additional category
 - Not-for-Profit Members: \$0 per additional category
- 4.2 Entry fees are non-refundable unless the Awards are cancelled by SBA.

5. Judging Process & Criteria

- 5.1 All entries will be assessed by an independent panel of judges based on predetermined criteria.
- 5.2 Judging criteria will include business excellence, innovation, community engagement, and sustainability, among others.
- 5.3 Judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome.
- 5.4 Confidentiality will be maintained for all entry information and discussions.

6. Key Dates & Deadlines

- 6.1 Entries open in April 2026 and close in June 2026.
- 6.2 The Awards Dinner will take place in September 2026.

7. Use of Entrant Information

- 7.1 By entering, participants grant SBA permission to use business details, logos, and images for promotional and marketing purposes.
- 7.2 All personal and business data will be handled in accordance with Australian privacy laws.

8. Finalists & Winners Obligations

- 8.1 Finalists agree to participate in SBA marketing and promotional activities related to the Awards.
- 8.2 Businesses are encouraged to have a representative present at the Awards Dinner to accept the award should they win, however it is not a requirement.

9. Disqualification Clause

- 9.1 SBA reserves the right to disqualify any entrant who:

- Provides false or misleading information.
- Fails to meet the eligibility criteria.
- Engages in misconduct that could harm the reputation of SBA or the Awards.

10. Event Attendance Terms

- 10.1 Tickets to the Awards Dinner are available for purchase and are non-refundable.
- 10.2 SBA reserves the right to refuse entry to the event for inappropriate conduct.
- 10.3 Attendees are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and other personal expenses.
- 10.4 The advised dress code is a minimum standard in conjunction with the venue requirements; failure to observe may lead to denied entry.

11. Sponsorship & Prizes

- 11.1 Prizes for winners may include cash, in-kind support, or recognition-based awards.
- 11.2 SBA is not responsible for any sponsor commitments that are not fulfilled.

12. Dispute Resolution & Governing Law

- 12.1 Any disputes regarding the Awards must be submitted in writing to SBA within 14 days of the event.
- 12.2 These Terms & Conditions are governed by the laws of Western Australia. By submitting an entry, the entrant agrees to comply with these Terms & Conditions.

For further information, please contact SBA at events@stirlingbusiness.asn.au