

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Entries for nominations should include the completed entry form and a summary of 100 words or less that **a)** explains why this nominee merits being the winner of the award; **b)** highlights specific business and management practices relevant to the award; and **c)** illustrates the company's commitment to employees and the community.

Any individual who knows of a businessperson that is excelling and meets the judging criteria can make nominations. Self-nominations are acceptable. The nominator should ensure that the nominee would show a willingness to participate in this award program. The deadline for nominations is **November 6, 2023**. Please retain a copy of your completed entry.

JUDGING CRITERIA

In judging this award, the following selection criteria will be considered, but not limited to the following:

- Business age
- Nature of activities
- Historical performance – business achievements
- Contribution to Bahamian economy
- Management/Employee Relations
- Contribution to employment and employee training
- Commitment to fair and honest conduct in the marketplace
- Contribution to the community, or a charity

1. **Outstanding Businessperson of The Year** award is given to recognize the most outstanding businessperson, selected from the nominations received. Increase in business income, innovative spirit, new market acquisitions, job creation and the overall impact on the community, are all aspects that make this businessperson stand out. The business must have had at least five years of operation by June.
2. **Developing Entrepreneur of The Year** award is given to recognize the entrepreneur who has started a new business in the private sector within the past five years. The business must have at least one full year, but less than five years of operation by June.
3. **Company of The Year** is awarded to the business, which has proven to produce good corporate citizens and improve business while adhering to ethical business practices, is involved and active in industry organizations, and is a willing contributor to enhancing the overall development of The Bahamas. Two sub-categories: a) **Small Business** with 1-50 employees; b) **Large Business** with over 50 employee.
4. **Philanthropic Business or (Business Person) of the Year** – that company or person who has contributed through their business to help charitable organizations or community groups.
5. **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Business person who is recognized for their lifelong growth and contributions to Grand Bahama Island.
6. **President's Award** – Presented to the company or business person that contributed greatest to the Chamber in accomplishing a specific Program of Works during the current administrative year.

Selection Process

The deadline for submission of application is 5.00 p.m. on **November 6, 2023**.

The selection committee will review each application.

Nominees will be informed of their qualification for the Awards by the selection committee.

Finalist will be determined and notified by November 17, 2023.

The winners will be chosen by a panel of judges appointed by the Board of Directors.

The Business Excellence Recognition Awards Ceremony will be held November 29, 2023.



BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOMINATION ENTRY FORM 2023

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

INDUSTRY: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF NOMINEE MUST BE SUBMITTED IF POSSIBLE

I NOMINATE THIS BUSINESS / BUSINESS PERSON for (Please select a category from the list below)

AWARDS CATEGORIES:

- Outstanding Businessperson of The Year
- Developing Entrepreneur of The Year
- Company of The Year (Small Business)
- Company of The Year (Large Business)
- Philanthropic Business/Person of The Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

NAME OF NOMINATOR: _____

COMPANY: _____ TITLE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

STATEMENT: We understand that the judges may request a site visit at the nominated company's location. The Nominee agrees to host a visit and to facilitate an open and unbiased examination. The Nominee must agree to possible site photos to accompany their nomination. We also understand that by signing this application, we ensure that our nominee certifies compliance with local laws and regulations governing our nominee's business or the industry. We acknowledge that all submitted entries become the property of the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce and may not be returned.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL: _____

Please complete the entire application and submit it to The Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce, The Mall Drive, P.O. Box F-40808, Freeport, Grand Bahama Island. You may email to assistant@gbchamber.org. For more information, please call Telephone number (242) 352-8329