



Gold Coast Women in Business Awards 2022 Categories

1 Gold Coast Woman in Business of the Year Award

This category will honor the City's inspiring innovators and visionaries. This category is open to entrepreneurs who have achieved accomplishments of significance over their career. Nominees will possess qualities of vision, innovation, entrepreneurial drive, leadership, individuality, tenacity and demonstrate their commitment to gender diversity.

3 Community Dedication and Social Justice Award

This category will recognise the candidate's contribution to the community or cause. The candidate will demonstrate dedication to the Gold Coast or wider community through her current & past charity and voluntary work, community endeavors or improving the quality of lives of people in her region or wider community or pursuit of social justice.

5 Empowering Young Women's Award (open to high school students)

Open to outstanding young women who demonstrate significant leadership potential and outstanding qualities or performance. To be eligible for this Award the nominee must be in full time OR part time education in the city of the Gold Coast in 2022. Entrants will demonstrate high potential and a commitment to the Gold Coast community by contributing to charity or voluntary and/or achieving success by overcoming the odds.

7 Arts, Culture, Entertainment and Tourism Award

Presented in celebration of excellence in achievement and or significant contribution to the development, promotion and profiling of arts, entertainment, culture, or Tourism.

9 Rising Star Award – Small Business

As a tribute to commitment small business and growing enterprises across the region, this prestigious Award celebrates a visionary and dedicated woman who is doing extraordinary work and addressing critical issues across the region through her work in a small business or growing enterprise.

2 Business Achiever Award (open to business owners, CEO's and managing directors)

This category is open to women in business who demonstrate being a proven leader in her organisation and brand category. Nominees will demonstrate outstanding leadership, and track record of building sales and profitability while energising and inspiring the people who report to her.

4 Aspiring Young Business Women's Award (open to 18-28-year olds)

Candidates will demonstrate significant achievements to date and be making a distinctive contribution in their field or career or educational pursuit. Open to nominees between the age of 18-28 as at 30 September 2022 who possess significant leadership potential and outstanding qualities or performance. Entrants will demonstrate their capacity to shape the future of the city with their immense energy, dedication, and flair.

6 Creating Change Award

Presented in celebration of excellence and significant commitment to working towards, and achieving, change that is good for the environment, our community, and business. Nominees will demonstrate success in one or more of the following areas: environment, global change and/or emerging female led fields through a company's products, services or social entrepreneurship or innovation resulting in major social or economic impact for the betterment of our economy and future.

8 Innovation, Technology and Research Award

This award recognises outstanding new technology, design, or research in a chosen field or organisation. The candidate will demonstrate high potential and be making a distinctive, innovative contribution and show how this innovation, technology or research has created a cutting-edge technology or new industry practices, process, product, service ground-breaking research.

10 Employer of the Year Award

This award recognises employers with over 10+ employees who have demonstrated an outstanding effort over the past 12 months to attract and retain staff/women in their business. This award is for employers whose employee benefits, staff retention levels, inspire wellbeing, diversity and an impressive culture. The business does not necessarily need to be female founded, however must be owned by women (at least 50%) or run by women (leader is a woman at least 30% of executive team are women).