

## **Moray Business Women**

The association is open to any woman within the Moray area, with an interest in business, networking, sharing information and experience for mutual benefit.

The emphasis is on fun, although the intent is serious, to help like minded business women flourish within the Moray area and to benefit the local community.

## **Moray Woman of the Year Award**

This award is presented to a member(s) of Moray Business Women who have proven competence in one or more of the following fields:

- Contribution to Business as an Employer or Employee
- Contribution to Charity either in a business partnership or volunteer
- Commitment to working with the local community to benefit the Moray area.

All applicants will be required to provide the judging panel with a completed application form stating how they meet the criteria of one or more of the above themes. The closing date for application is 17 September 2010 and should be sent to Sarah McGregor, 17 Reidhaven Street, Elgin, IV30 1QG by 17 September 2010

The panel will interview the shortlisted applicants who have demonstrated their acumen in their chosen field(s) and their decision is final. The award will be presented at the Moray Business Women annual ball. This will be on 5 November 2010 and will celebrate four successful years for MBW. All finalists or a representative will be required to attend the Ball.

This year the award has been sponsored by Waterfalls Bathroom Planners and Furnishers in Elgin and the winners will received a cheque for £300.00 plus an engraved memento.

We hope many of our members will enter this year. We know our membership is made up of women who lead busy fulfilled lives and will be able to demonstrate their eligibility for this award.

The attached pages list the eligibility criteria for each of the three categories then the form of the statements to support your application. Please only complete the questions required for your selected categories.

Thank you,

The Awards Committee

## **Contribution to Business as an Employer or Employee**

### Eligibility:

This award is open to any member either employed or self employed in a business profession, private or public including the voluntary sectors. Applicants will be asked to evidence their ability and commitment in their chosen field and demonstrate the benefits to their business.

The nominee can apply on their own behalf or individuals can be nominated by another member.

The judges will assess the entries using the following criteria:

- The individual contribution to business.
- Demonstration of both corporate and social responsibility.
- Good communication and promotion of the role of women.

Please complete questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.

The information provided will be kept confidential to the judging panel and the finalists will be asked to attend an interview with them in October 2010, the date and time to be confirmed.

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**Contribution to Charity either in a business partnership or volunteer.**

The award is open to any member of Moray Business Women who can demonstrate their commitment and the success to a charity of the input they have had either in a business partnership or on a voluntary basis.

The nominee can apply on their own behalf or individuals can be nominated by another member.

The judges will assess the entries using the following criteria:

- What was achieved from the joint venture
- The benefits realised by each of the partners (financial, clients, employees, public awareness or support)

Please complete questions 1, 5, 6 and 8.

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**Commitment to working in the local community to benefit the Moray area.**

The award is open to any member of Moray Business Women who can demonstrate their commitment to working in the local community. Can detail and evidence the benefit this has for the Moray area.

The nominee can apply on their own behalf or individuals can be nominated by another member.

The judges will assess the entries using the following criteria:

- The objective to be achieved and the benefits to the community.
- The continuity of the programme commenced and the future plans
- The benefits that can be shared with other communities.

Please complete questions 1, 6, 7 and 8.

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1. Please list the category(ies) you wish to be assessed on
2. In no more than 200 words, please describe the contribution you made to your business:
3. In no more than 200 words, give an example of the preparation you undertook in planning your individual contribution to your company/employer.
4. Tell us what you would consider to be a positive example social and corporate responsibility.
5. Define the factors you had to consider when you planned a partnership with the business and the voluntary sector: (200 words)
6. Describe the obstacles and opportunities faced when working voluntarily to make a difference in the community (200-300 words)
7. Give example(s) of who has benefited from your input to the local community. (200-300 words)
8. Please give a summary, in no more than 300 words, giving any other information you would like the panel to consider in support of your application.