

BUSINESS AWARDS 2008



Celebrating the
achievements of the
Black Country
Asian Business

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What are the BCABA Business Awards?

The Black Country Asian Business Association (BCABA) Business Awards programme recognises the achievements of individuals and companies from across the Black Country.

The awards embrace businesses of all sectors and will be presented at the prestigious BCABA Annual Dinner, which this year will take place on Friday, 17 October 2008.

Why should you enter?

In addition to the awards presentation, awards winners will receive recognition for themselves or their business, raising their profile and demonstrating individual success and achievements throughout the Black Country.

2008 Award Categories and Criteria

Excluding the overall Business of the Year Award, there are 6 award categories, these are detailed below:

Business Start-Up Award Celebrating a new Asian business that can demonstrate success and growth, creating both jobs and wealth for the future. Businesses that have been trading for 9-24 months are eligible.

Young Entrepreneur Award Looking for the stars of tomorrow, this award will identify a young individual, who possesses the ideas, drive and determination to succeed in the long term. They will have already made their mark in business, ensuring a bright future.

Community Excellence Award Awarded for outstanding achievement in community involvement, from private sector initiatives that promote community development, to voluntary organisations and community-based businesses. Businesses trading for 2 or more years are eligible.

Regeneration Award Presented to an individual or business who has made a genuine difference to the Black Country. They will have grown, developed and instilled confidence in the region highlighting it as the place to invest, work and succeed.

International Trade Award This award will be given to a business that has successfully entered an overseas market, demonstrated business growth and enhanced its profitability by embracing international trade.

Young Leaders Award This is a new award category symbolising the recognition of an individual who has the potential to become a great leader in the future.

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Award Nominations

An Executive Judging Panel will be working intensively to nominate businesses and individuals who operate across the Black Country and demonstrate a high level of entrepreneurial spirit. Awards winners will be announced and presented with their awards at the event.

How to Enter

To nominate or enter an individual for any award(s), please submit a typed A4 presentation (2,500 words max) giving details of why you believe the specific person or business should be considered for a category. This should provide details of an individual or company success and demonstrate how this relates to the chosen award category.

When assessing each award nomination, the judges will need to see documented evidence of financial success, such as an increase in profits and/or turnover, and new business wins, as well as at least two client testimonials of no more than 50 words each.

Your presentation(s) must be accompanied by a completed nomination form. Only one form is required regardless of the number of awards entered.

Each nomination will be judged on its own merit according to resources and successes achieved.

Your completed nomination entry should be returned to:

*BCABA, Black Country Chamber, National Metal Forming Centre,
47 Birmingham Road, Sandwell B70 6PY.*

The closing dates are as follows:

Receipt of completed nomination entries – Friday, 26th September 2008

Judging Process

- Judging will take place immediately following the closing date and three finalists will be selected in each category.
- If you are a finalist you will be notified before the presentation evening and visited at your premises by a member of the BCABA Team.
- Finalists will be required to attend the BCABA Business Awards and Annual Dinner on Friday, 17 September 2008. The winners of each category will be presented with an award on the evening.
- All finalists are required to provide a minimum 300dpi hi-resolution copy of their company logo on a memory stick or emailed to Rakesh Saini (rakeshsaini@bccbl.com) in JPEG or GIF format to use on all publicity material associated with the Awards.
- Finalists may also be asked to produce information on business viability, including operating licences where appropriate.

The panel is composed of independent judges with an impartial adjudicator.

The judges' decision is final.

BUSINESS AWARDS 2008 Nomination form

Detach this form and attach it to your presentation(s).
All entries must be accompanied by this form to be considered for any of the awards.

Closing date for completed nomination entries is Friday, 26th September 2008.

Please complete the form below in full in typed script or clear, legible handwriting in black ink and BLOCK CAPITALS.

Tick below all the award categories for which you wish to be considered:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Start Up Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Entrepreneur Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Excellence Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regeneration Award | <input type="checkbox"/> International Trade Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Leaders Award |

Entrant/Nominee Details

Name	<input type="text"/>	Job Title	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
Town/City	<input type="text"/>		
County	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Telephone	<input type="text"/>	Facsimile	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>		

Business Details

Type of company: Limited Sole Trader Partnership Other Limited Guarantee

Name of business and brief description of activity

Date trading commenced (all entrants must have been trading for a minimum of 9 months)

Annual Turnover Number of Employees

Has the nominee ever been declared bankrupt or had civil proceeding taken against them? Yes No

If yes, please give details including county court judgments.

Credit checks will be made on all applicant organisations.

Additional Information

Has the nominee ever been convicted of a criminal offence? Yes No

If yes, then please give details.

Declaration (to be signed by the person completing this form)

I hereby certify that the information given in this entry form is correct. I agree to this business being nominated for this/these award(s), and its name used in any subsequent publicity.

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Relationship to entrant (if not nominee)	<input type="text"/>		
Telephone	<input type="text"/>	Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Signature	<input type="text"/>		
	Date <input type="text"/>		

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