



2021 Woman Business Owner of the Year Award Application

It's time once again to recognize those within NAWBO Chicago who inspire us and propel entrepreneurship forward. The award for Woman Business Owner of the Year will be presented at the 2021 Celebration of Achievement on May 6.

Award Criteria

- Applicant must be an individual (woman business owner) NAWBO Chicago Area Chapter member in good standing for at least 3 years.
- Nominee must be recognized as a successful entrepreneur and have actively promoted small business/entrepreneurship.
- Nominee should be noted for outstanding achievement.
- Nominee should exhibit role model qualities including community service, business acumen and the ability to overcome obstacles.
- Award winner must be able to attend the 38th Annual Celebration of Achievement on May 6.

Return completed application package via email to info@nawbochicago.org. Your package should contain:

- A photograph of the nominee, electronic hi-res, print quality jpg (300 ppi at a print size of approximately 8" x 12").
- A brief professional biography between 150 and 180 words.
- Answers to the questions listed on the next page, with responses limited to one page or less per question.
- "Woman Business Owner of the Year Application" in the subject line of your email submission.

**Your completed application package must be submitted to the
NAWBO Chapter office no later than
March 10, 2021**

Send to:

info@nawbochicago.org

All applications must be sent in Word or PDF format via email

Questions?

Contact the NAWBO Chicago Chapter office at 773.741.4955 or info@nawbochicago.org.

Application Questions

1. Basic Information:
Name, Company, Address, Phone, Fax, Email, Percentage of Ownership, Annual Revenue, Number of Employees, Year Founded/Became Owner, Number of Family Members involved in the business, Type of Entity (Sole Proprietor, Partnership, S Corp, or C Corp.).
2. Provide a brief description of your business.
3. What motivated you to start your business?
4. Did you have to overcome any obstacles to start or grow your business?
5. What creative initiatives have you taken to make your business successful?
6. What qualities do you possess that have led to your success as a business owner? Describe the most satisfying aspect of ownership.
7. What were your gross revenues for the past three years? Also, explain growth in other areas, such as number of employees, increased customer base, etc.
8. List past and present involvement in civic, charitable, business and professional organizations, including service on their boards and/or committees.
9. Please describe a specific contribution you have made to any of the organizations.
10. What awards/honors have you received?
11. What are your major achievements as a business owner, community or business leader?
12. Describe why other women business owners might consider you a role model.