

2024 Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award Application

The Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award is given to a woman business owner who demonstrates an uplifting spirit and willingness to help others while clearly demonstrating passion for the Chicago community. This award will be presented during lunch at “Women Mean Business®” on April 25.

Award Criteria:

- Applicant must be a NAWBO Chicago individual (woman business owner) member in good standing.
- Applicant must be between the ages of 25-40.
- Must have started her own business within the past 2-5 years.
- Must demonstrate an uplifting spirit and willingness to help others while clearly demonstrating passion for the Chicago community.
- Must have created innovative and effective change in her own business.
- Award winner must be able to attend the lunch portion of “Women Mean Business®” on April 25.

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

- A headshot of nominee, electronic hi-res, print quality JPG (300 ppi at a print size of approximately 8" x 12").
- Answers to the questions listed below. No more than five (5) pages in total.

Application Questions

- Applicant Information: Name, Company, Phone and Email.
- Describe the nominee's activities that support NAWBO's vision. Describe any and all leadership positions held, whether local or national. Include dates and length of service.
- Describe the specific contributions the nominee has made as a NAWBO representative to foster the economic growth of women-owned businesses.
- Describe how the nominee demonstrates her effective and innovative leadership to strengthen her business.
- Describe how the nominee has served as a role model and mentor to other women business owners.

Questions For The Nominee – Award Winner's Answers To Be Published In Program Booklet

- What does your business do (no more than 40 words)?
- Please answer **two** of the following (no more than 75 words each):
 - What has been your biggest lesson in business?
 - What is the best business tip you can share with other women business owners?
 - What is the biggest lesson you have learned from another female entrepreneur?
 - What advice would you give to other female entrepreneurs?
 - What value have you found in women entrepreneurs supporting one another?

Your completed application package must be submitted:

No later than February 23, 2024

To info@nawbochicago.org

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