# Altitude Awards Entry Guidelines



#### **About:**

The Altitude Awards are an annual awards program run by Women with Altitude. It has been operating for more than 12 years. (For more on these organisations, click here: <a href="www.womenwithaltitude.com.au">www.womenwithaltitude.com.au</a>

This is a social enterprise arm of our organisation and funds raised on the night of the gala ball are donated to a lesser known charity each year.

We present the Altitude Awards each year to acknowledge and recognize achievements of everyday people across a range of sectors:

Small Business, Social Enterprise, Individual Achievement and Contribution to Community. The Awards are divided into categories:

- Business Submission questionnaire-based
- Leadership Submission questionnaire-based
- Community Involvement Submission questionnaire-based

## **Awards Entry:**

There is an entry fee for entering (as outlined below) has come into effect in 2024. Entry is open to all of the general public and business communities, including non-members or guests, members of Women with Altitude. Entry is open to individuals and businesses/organizations.

There is a nominal entry fee per category for entering the awards. It is payable on the submission form at the last step of entering your submission.

Prices for entering categories:
Awards entrants: \$97 per category
Awards Entrants Package 3 categories for \$247
WWA Absolute Members - \$0 entry is free and unlimited WWA
Advance Members - \$40 per entry

### **Finalists Information**

Finalists will be notified in writing via email and text message if they have become finalists. If you have entered multiple categories, you will receive a finalist notification for each category you are a finalist in. Please note: If you are a finalist in one category and you have entered more than one category, it does not automatically mean you will be a finalist in other categories.

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#### Please note:

Finalists are required to attend the Altitude Awards, Awards Ceremony Gratitude Ball in Sydney on Saturday, 30th November. Tickets will be available to purchase on the website and via a link that will all be sent.

**Venue:** Doltone House Western Sydney 121-133 Prairie Vale Rd, Bossley Park NSW 2176 6pm-11.30pm

**Tickets** can be purchased from our site and include a three-course dinner and drinks package. Table discounts will be available. It is essential that finalists attend the awards ceremony as there are only a small number of finalists in each category, so the chances of receiving an award are high.

We don't want finalists to miss out on winning an award, so if you are not able to attend or are out of the country on the 30th November, perhaps consider sending a person via a proxy, or if this is not possible enter at a future awards date.

## **Eligibility**

Entries can be received from any individual, couple or business within Australia. Please note that the Altitude Awards Ball is held at a venue in Western Sydney. Team members, employees who are employed by major sponsors, Women with Altitude are ineligible to enter.

Category sponsors are not permitted to enter their sponsored category. However, are free to enter other categories.

Entries must be received by midnight, on the day of entries closed.

## **Awards Entry Submissions**

Entries for judged categories are to be entered online. PDF copies of questions can be predownloaded, as entries cannot be saved. The best practice is to prepare your answers ahead of time paste in your answers, and submit them online.

**The word count identified is a guide only.** If you feel you have answered the question and provided detail and evidence to support your answer. The word count is designed to ensure that applicants do not go over the word count by more than 40 words. If an entry is completed with less than the word count, this is perfectly fine

#### **Entry Format**

The entry should be arranged strictly as follows. Entries must be entered online. If you would like to send additional supporting files, please post to Altitude Awards, 31 Russell Avenue, Faulconbridge, NSW 2776. Please note that additional files can only returned if a return stamped address appropriate size envelope is enclosed with the support material. Support material must arrive before the entry's close date.

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## Judging:

Each award questionnaire is adjudicated by an independent judging panel. All entries and information are treated with the highest security and confidentiality. The identity of the judging panel is kept private. The Altitude Awards are conducted with the utmost integrity to ensure that there is no bias or innuendo. In all the years we have been doing this program, 70% of award winners are non-members of our organisation.

The impartiality is very important to us. We have the following parameters for working with judges.

- All judges sign confidentiality agreements.
- All judges must disclose if they have any connections, friendship or business associations with the entrant and if so, are excused from judging that entrant. We then pass that entry on to another judge.
- Judging is independent and via a scoring system based on criteria. Scores are added and aggregated to ensure that it is fair. Please know that when we reach a winner, there is sometimes only 1 or 2 points difference, so all finalists should be very proud of their achievement.

Judges' decisions are final, and no amendments will be made. Winners are announced only at the awards ceremony.

## Copyright:

All photos and videos of the awards entrants, ceremony, and cocktail event may be used for the promotion of The Altitude Awards in the future.

#### Social Media:

Entrants and finalists are encouraged to share their achievements on social media by posting images from the ceremony or those provided by the Altitude Awards. When sharing these moments, please ensure to tag the Altitude Awards' official social media handles. This not only celebrates your success but also helps promote the incredible stories of all participants within our community. Let's spread the word and inspire others with your achievements!

#### Awards:

Once received, awards become the responsibility of the recipient; any breakages or repairs will be at the recipient's cost. The organizers will replace any misspellings or errors.