



Celebrating excellence & achievement in business in Nottinghamshire

HOW TO ENTER

Complete and return the entry card opposite to register your interest in entering the Awards. Upon receipt of your entry card we will send you guidelines to assist you in the preparation of your submission.

JUDGING

The Nottinghamshire Company of the Year Award:- A written submission will be required for initial screening and a short list of companies will then be visited on site. Four finalists will be selected and interviewed by a distinguished panel of business people and professional advisers on Tuesday 4 May 2010.

For all other Awards:- A written submission relevant to the Award criteria is required for each entry. The submission will be considered by the judges and site visits/interviews will be arranged at the discretion of the judges. Three finalists will be chosen for each of the Awards.

Submissions:- Further details and guidelines to assist you in the preparation of the submissions will be sent on receipt of the entry coupon.

PRIZES & PRESENTATION DINNER

The winner of the Nottinghamshire Company of the Year Award will receive £5,000 worth of advisory work by KPMG.

Winners of all the Awards will be presented with commemorative trophies. The Awards Presentation Dinner will be held on Thursday 1 July 2010. The event will be held in the presence of Nottinghamshire's leading industrialists, business people and media.

Follow the Evening Post Business Awards in Tuesday's Business Section of the Nottingham Evening Post.

Return this form to register your interest and further information will be sent to you
(Please tick the appropriate boxes, see next page for awards details)

You may enter more than one awards

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| Nottinghamshire Company of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nottinghamshire Small Business of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nottinghamshire Young Businessperson of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New Enterprise of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Business Innovation Award | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Best Use of IT & Communications Award | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Company Name.....

Contact.....Position.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....Tel(inc code).....

Type of Business.....Number of employees.....

Please return to :-

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**If you would like further information about the Business Awards,
please telephone the organisers on 01604 505480**

Nottingham Evening Post Business Awards 2010



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Eligibility

To enter, your company must meet all of the following criteria:

- Principal trading base in Nottinghamshire, with business rates payable to a Nottinghamshire Authority
- Turnover of more than £2m in the last financial year
- Established for a minimum of two years

Success Criteria

Your company must be able to demonstrate success over the past 12 months. This could be measured in many different ways:

- Exceptional growth
- Increased trading profit
- New product/service development
- New production techniques

New Enterprise of the Year Award

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Eligibility

To enter, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Principal trading base in Nottinghamshire with rates payable to a Nottinghamshire Authority
- The enterprise must have been established within the past two years and must be independent and not a subsidiary of another organisation

Success Criteria

The judges will be looking for the following:

- A creative business idea and an entrepreneurial approach to developing your idea into a new enterprise
- Evidence of early financial success and a sound business plan in place that is likely to ensure continued growth and sustainability
- Solid financial management with targets and performance monitoring

Nottinghamshire Small Business of the Year Award

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Eligibility

To enter, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Principal trading base in Nottinghamshire, with business rates payable to a Nottinghamshire Authority
- Turnover must not exceed £2m in the last financial year
- Established for a minimum of two years

Success Criteria

Your company must be able to demonstrate success over the past 12 months. This could be measured in many different ways:

- Growth in profit/turnover
- New product/service development
- New production techniques

Business Innovation Award

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Eligibility

To enter, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Principal trading base in Nottinghamshire, with business rates payable to a Nottinghamshire Authority

Success Criteria

Your company must have introduced a new product or process, invention, idea or design that has made a significant contribution to the business. The judges will be interested in innovation which has improved an existing product or manufacturing process, or the development of new products or services. They will also be interested in how innovation is handled within the culture of the company.

Nottinghamshire Young Businessperson of the Year Award

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Eligibility

To enter, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Employed or running a business in Nottinghamshire, with business rates payable to a Nottinghamshire Authority
- You must be directly responsible for profit
- You must be 40 years of age or younger as at 1st January 2010

Success Criteria

Candidates should have made a major contribution to the success of the company they run or in which they are employed.

The judges will wish to hear about their individual involvement in their company's growth or expansion as well as the more personal qualities that have made the nominee successful.

Best Use of IT & Communications Award

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Eligibility

To enter, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Principal trading base in Nottinghamshire, with business rates payable to a Nottinghamshire Authority
- This Award is open to SMEs (turnover not greater than £33 million, less than 250 employees)

Success Criteria

This Award will go to the company that has successfully introduced new technology to improve communications with external or internal customers and/or suppliers. The judges will be particularly interested in the benefits that the technology has brought to the business both in terms of opening up new services/markets or the improvement of existing ones.