



The Altitude Awards Entry Guidelines

About:

The Altitude Awards are an annual awards program run by Women with Altitude and the Men's Altitude Network.

(For more on these organizations click here: <https://womenwithaltitude.com.au/>, <https://www.mensaltitudenetwork.com.au/>)

This is a social enterprise arm of our organization and proceeds are offered to a local unknown charity a different one each year.

We present the Altitude Awards each year to acknowledge and recognize achievement 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

Entry to the Awards is **free of charge**. This is subject to change in the future. Entry is open to all including non-members or guests, members of Women with Altitude, The Men's Altitude Network are always encouraged to enter.

Entry is open to individuals and businesses/organizations.

If you become a finalist, you will be invited to the complimentary Cocktail Party/Morning Tea to be presented your finalist certificate.

Please note: Finalists are required to attend the Altitude Awards, Awards Ceremony Gratitude Ball. For 2022, this will be Saturday 3rd December @ Liverpool Catholic Club Event Centre - 424-458 Hoxton Park Rd Liverpool NSW 2170.

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions, alternate arrangements will be made. We will advise as soon as possible.

All proceeds go to charity for this event. Nominees, partners, friends and colleagues are all welcome to attend.

Tickets can be purchased from our site and are in the range of \$110-155 for an a la carte dinner, drinks and entertainment. Discounts for tables will 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 3rd of December, 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 or the Men's Altitude Network 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. Best practice is to prepare your answers ahead of time and paste in your answers and submit online.

Word count identified, is a guide only. If you feel you have answered the question and provided detail and evidence to support your answer.

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 additional files can only returned if a return stamped address appropriate size envelope is enclosed with the support material. Support material must arrive prior to the entries close date.

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 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 awards winners are non-members of our organization. The impartiality is very important to us. And 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 onto another judge
- Judging is done independently and via a scoring system based on a 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.

For people Entering:

The Word count that is noted for each question is a guide only.

If an entry is completed with less than the word count, this is perfectly fine. The word count is designed to ensure that applicants do not go over the word count by more than 40 words.

Judges decisions are final and no amendments will be made. Winners are announced only at the Awards Ceremony.

Copyright:

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

Awards:

Once awards have been received, they become the responsibility of the recipient, any breakages or repairs will be at the cost of the award recipient. Any misspellings or errors will be replaced by the organizers.