



2019 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- **Nominees must approve and accept this nomination and complete the submission forms.**
- Nominees must have an active business located or operating in Halifax. The majority of the business must have provincial ownership and headquarters must be located provincially.
- Nominees must have been in business less than two years as of August 31, 2018.
- Nominees cannot be an expansion of an existing business, name change or new location of an existing organization.
- Please note: Not for Profits/Crown Corporations/Government Funded Facilities are not eligible for this category.

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- **Nominees must approve and accept this nomination and complete the submission forms.**
- Nominees must have an active business located or operating in Halifax. The majority of the business must have provincial ownership and headquarters must be located provincially.
- Nominees must be an independently owned and operated business with a total number of employees not exceeding 25.
- Business must be owner operated for a minimum of two years, as of August 31, 2018.
- Please note: Not for Profits/Crown Corporations/Government Funded Facilities are not eligible for this category.

EXPORT BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- **Nominees must approve and accept this nomination and complete the submission forms.**
- Nominees must have an active office in Halifax.
- A minimum of 40% of customers, partners or revenues must come from markets outside of Canada.
- Please note that Not for Profits/Crown Corporations/Government Funded Facilities are not eligible for this category.

INNOVATIVE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- **Nominees must approve and accept this nomination and complete the submission forms.**
- Nominees must have an active business located or operating in Halifax. The majority of the business must have provincial ownership and headquarters must be located provincially.
- Nominees must have introduced an innovative product or service on or before August 31, 2018, or be operating in a mode where innovation is built into the culture of the company.
- Please note that Not for Profits/Crown Corporations/Government Funded Facilities are not eligible for this category.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- **Nominees must approve and accept this nomination and complete the submission forms.**
- Nominees must have an active business located or operating in Halifax. The majority of the business must have provincial ownership and headquarters must be located provincially.
- Nominees must have been in business more than two years as of August 31, 2018.
- Nominees must have a total number of employees exceeding 25.
- Please note: Not for Profits/Crown Corporations/Government Funded Facilities are not eligible for this category.

BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR

- **Nominees must approve and accept this nomination and complete the submission forms.**
- Nominees must have an active participation in a business located or operating in Halifax. The majority of the business must have provincial ownership and headquarters must be located provincially.
- Please note: Individuals currently working for Crown Corporations/Government Funded Facilities are not eligible for this category.