

Awarded to a company that's been operating for less than three years that is recognised for its entrepreneurship and innovation, defying challenging economic conditions to succeed, grow and thrive; with a determination to succeed.

**Which company is being nominated?**

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| **Company name\*** |  |
| **Address** |  |

\**This will be printed on all Northern Star Business Awards promotional materials, awards, and print work.*

**Company contact?**

*Who should we contact to complete checklists, book the table, and send tickets, if selected as a finalist?*

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| **Contact name** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |

**Your details?**

*If different to the above.*

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| **Contact name** |  |
| **Company** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Relationship to the company nominated** |  |



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| 1. **Provide a brief description of the business, the products, or services it supplies, customers and the markets in which it operates.** (Up to 200 words) |
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| 1. **What was the inspiration behind starting the business?** (Up to 300 words) |
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| 1. **Demonstrate and provide evidence of the positive impact the business has made in its marketplace in the last 12 months.** (Up to 400 words) |
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| 1. **What is the largest challenge faced by the business since starting and how was this overcome?** (Up to 300 words) |
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| 1. **How does the company differ from its competitors?** (Up to 300 words) |
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| 1. **Highlight why the company deserves this award and what effect it would have for the company if it were to win.** (Up to 100 words) |
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**Nomination Guidelines**

## Judging

Our judging panel consists of independent experts, representatives from the Chamber board, policy group and sponsors who will select a shortlist for each category. All those shortlisted will be notified on Friday 21 November 2025 and winners will be announced at the Northern Star Business Awards dinner on Friday 17 April 2026 at P&J Live.

## The rules

1. The Northern Star Business Awards are open to all businesses but they must be based in Aberdeen City or Aberdeenshire.
2. All third-party nominations must be made with the full knowledge and co-operation of the nominee.
3. All submissions should relate to activity within the nominee’s most recent financial year, unless stated otherwise in the application form.
4. Information companies do not wish publicised should be clearly marked as ‘CONFIDENTIAL’.
5. Completed forms must be signed by a representative of the company.
6. Nominations can be made for a maximum of two categories.
7. Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to entries.
8. Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to not make an award in any category if no satisfactory nominations are received.
9. Judges must declare any interests with nominees.
10. The judges’ decision is final.
11. Finalists must participate in interviews and photo shoots to promote the Northern Star Business Awards 2026.
12. Finalists will be issued with dates for filming; these must be adhered to, and no alternative dates will be provided.
13. Finalists will be listed on our Northern Star Business Awards webpage and shared via the Chamber’s marketing channels.
14. If you have a winning entry, the data you provide in the nomination will be used for the Winners Review content (unless marked CONFIDENTIAL).
15. Finalists must book a minimum of one place at the awards ceremony taking place on Friday 17 April 2026.

**Key dates**

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| Nominations close | Friday 27 September 2024 |
| Finalists announced | Friday 22 November 2024 |
| Finalists reception | Thursday 5 December 2024 |
| Awards night | Friday 25 April 2025 |

I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them:

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| Electronic signature: |  |
| Date: |  |