**Please note:**

* This form should be used to enter all award categories
* A maximum of two categories can be entered provided a separate entry form is completed
* The rules are at the end of this entry form. Any entries not adhering to the rules will be eliminated
* Please email your entry form to [gbccawards23@birmingham-chamber.com](mailto:gbccawards23@birmingham-chamber.com)

**The closing date for entries is 5pm Friday 27thJanuary 2023**

**Which award category is this submission for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**How did you hear about the awards?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Contact name *(first name, surname)*** |  |
| **Company name *(please ensure this is typed as you would like it publicised)*** |  |
| **Company address** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Website address** |  |
| **Contact number** |  |
| **Twitter handle** |  |
| **LinkedIn URL** |  |
| **Business sector** |  |
| **Nature of business** |  |
| **Main product/service** |  |
| **Number of employees** |  |
| **Who are typically your customers?** |  |
| **Legal Status of company** |  |
| **What year did the business start trading?** |  |
| **Is your business a Chamber member in the Greater Birmingham area (any division)?** |  |

**Tell us about your organisation over the last 12 months, judges will be looking for;**

* Your engagement with, or commitment to, the Greater Birmingham area (or local areas within it: Birmingham, Burton-on-Trent, Cannock Chase, Lichfield, Solihull, Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth)
* General examples of business success over the past 12 months such as growth in turnover

(max. 200 words): (30 marks)

**Tell us why your organisation deserves to win your chosen award, judges will be looking for;**

* Examples directly relevant to your chosen category
* A track record of achievement or impact connected to your chosen category

(max. 500 words): (70 marks)

**The Rules**

1. The closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 27th January 2023.
2. The awards are free to enter and open to all businesses based within the Greater Birmingham region including Birmingham, Burton, Cannock Chase, Lichfield, Tamworth, Solihull and Sutton Coldfield postcode areas. If you are a Greater Birmingham Chambers member but are based outside of the region, then you are eligible to enter any of the categories but will not be eligible to win the overall ‘Greater Birmingham Business of the year’ award.
3. Entries must be electronic and in one single document in either Microsoft Word or pdf format and in English.
4. All questions must be answered in the appropriate text box. Text boxes can be expanded if necessary and can include photos, charts, etc.
5. A maximum of two categories can be entered provided a separate entry form is completed.
6. The appropriate award category entry form should be used. Failure to adhere to this will result in the submission being disqualified.
7. The maximum file size for any entry is 5MB. If your entry exceeds this file size it will be disqualified by the judges.
8. Supporting information should be included within the entry form using the appropriate text boxes. Please be aware that any website links used within your entry will not be activated by the judges.
9. All entries will be automatically acknowledged on receipt. All entries will be treated in confidence and entry forms will become the property of Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce. Entries will not be returned.
10. Applicants must be authorised to enter their organisation into the awards.
11. The judges’ decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Judges reserve the right to audit any information supplied.
13. Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce reserves the right to withdraw an award from any applicant supplying false information within their entry.
14. No employee of the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce shall be entitled to enter.
15. Award winners will be announced at the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce Annual Dinner & Awards 2023 that will be taking place at the ICC on Thursday 16th March 2023.
16. Shortlisted and winning entries will be publicised.
17. By registering and completing an entry for the awards you agree to these terms and conditions.

**Judging**

All entries received by the deadline will be judged and a final shortlist will be drawn up.

It is anticipated that up to five finalists will be shortlisted in each award category.

Each award category finalist will receive one complimentary ticket to the event on the 16th March 2023 when the winner will be announced.

Details of the awards can be seen at <https://www.greaterbirminghamchambers.com/networking-events/events-calendar/listing/gbcc-awards-2023/>