

## FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)



Can businesses or individuals nominate themselves?

- Yes, self-nominations are welcome.

How long does a business have to be operating to self-nominate or be nominated?

- Minimum of 18 months in the City or District of North Vancouver.

Can West Vancouver companies be nominated?

- No, all nominees must be operating in the City or District of North Vancouver.

Do I need to have a business license to qualify?

- Yes, you need to have proof of a valid business license.

How are the finalists and winners decided?

- Finalists and winners are decided by the independent Judging Committee, not by an online voting system or by number of nominations.

Can a business or individual self-nominate or be nominated in more than one category?

- Yes, you may self-nominate or be nominated in up to three categories, but can only qualify as a finalist in one category.

Can not-for-profit organizations be nominated?

- Yes, they are accepted as nominees in the Community Contribution category in odd numbered years, i.e. 2017, 2019, 2021...

When are businesses eligible for the Community Contribution category?

- Businesses are accepted as nominees in even numbered years, i.e. 2016, 2018, 2020...

When did the Chamber update the Community Contribution Category so that it alternates between businesses and not-for-profit organizations?

- 2016.

What is the age for a *Young Entrepreneur* to be considered?

- Under the age of 40 before December 31 of the year considered.

How many consecutive years can you self-nominate or be nominated?

- Unlimited, however, once you win in a given category you may only self-nominate or be nominated again after 7 years.

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How many years after winning in one category can you self-nominate or be nominated in the same category?

- After 7 years.

If you win in one category, can you self-nominate or be nominated in a different category the following year?

- Yes.

How many consecutive years can you be nominated in the same category?

- Unlimited until you win.

Can franchises of large companies qualify?

- Yes, if the franchise is privately owned and is operating in the City or District of North Vancouver.

Can sponsors be nominated in a category other than the one they are sponsoring?

- No, sponsors may not self-nominate or be nominated in any category.

Can sponsors make nominations?

- Yes.

Can Board Member's companies be nominated?

- Yes, as the independent Judging Committee is not comprised of Chamber staff or Board Members.