



AWARD CATEGORIES

In 2009 there are 10 judged categories in the Stevenson Business Excellence Awards.

Businesses can enter a maximum of **two** award categories plus the ACC Workplace Safety Award in the judged award categories.

The winner of each award category is automatically entered in the Stevenson Supreme Excellence Award.

EnviroSmart Excellence in Environmental Practice

Open to all businesses operating with a commitment to environmental sustainability. Excellence will be recognised by the demonstration of:

- The incorporation of environmental awareness and sustainability into company best practice procedures
- A high level of commitment to compliance and continuous improvement in environmental management
- An approach to environmental management that is a role-model for others in ensuring it does not impact the environment in an unsustainable way
- Minimising the impact of daily operations on the environment

Please note: Your organisation will have been actively implementing sustainability for at least one year.

Opus Excellence in Innovation Award

Open to all businesses that can demonstrate how the implementation of innovative practices and strategies has made a significant contribution to the success of the business. Excellence will be recognised by the demonstration of:

- Identification and introduction of innovation
- Competitive edge
- Creation of sustainable value by exploiting new opportunities
- Growth and potential growth

New Zealand Steel Excellence in Manufacturing

Open to all businesses that produce goods, either mechanically or by hand. Excellence will be recognised by the demonstration of:

- Product standards
- Quality management systems
- Setting targets, budgets and performance analysis
- Environmental responsibility
- Corporate citizenship
- Investment in technology and systems to improve products and production methods
- People management
- Communication between shop floor and management

Byerley Park Excellence in Rural Industries

Open to all businesses that operate in the agriculture, horticulture, viticulture or equine industries. Excellence will be recognised by the demonstration of:

- Successful transition from product concept to market
- Continued improvement of processes, management and performance
- Commitment to environmental sustainability

HEB Construction Excellence in Service Delivery Award

Open to all businesses that sell goods and/or services. Excellence will be recognised by the demonstration of:

- Strong and effective customer focus
- Strong marketing focus
- Strong staff management and training
- Products and service
- Customer satisfaction monitoring
- Sound management practice
- Good financial systems

McLaren Brown Publishing and Rainbow's End Excellence in Tourism Award

Open to all businesses that have made a significant and valuable contribution to the local hospitality and tourism industries. Excellence will be recognised by the demonstration of:

- Identification of customer and market
- Customer satisfaction monitoring
- Quality, sustainable growth
- Examples of excellence

ACC Excellence in Workplace Safety Award

Open to all businesses demonstrating excellence in workplace health and safety practices. Excellence will be recognised by the demonstration of:

- Strong focus on health and safety procedures and systems
- Successfully integrated health and safety practices into business operations

All entrants into the ACC Workplace Safety Award will receive a site visit specific to this category.

Franklin Foods Best Emerging Business

Open to all businesses that have been operating for less than two years as at 30 June 2008. Excellence will be recognised by the demonstration of:

- A clear understanding of the businesses competencies and objectives
- Development of an idea into a viable business operation
- Business and marketing planning and strategy
- A proactive approach to seeking advice and funding
- Sound management policy, planning and processing
- Sustainable growth and profitability

KiwiPrint Best Small Business

Open to all businesses that have ten or less full time equivalent employees. Excellence will be recognised by the demonstration of:

- Effective management through leadership and communication skills
- Increased sales/profitability
- Excellent customer service
- Strong quality systems and administration practices
- Business planning and strategy
- Marketing and promotion plans

Stevenson Supreme Excellence Award

Only the category winners of the above judged awards qualify for this award. Businesses cannot choose to enter this category.

Papakura Courier Customer Choice

The Customer Choice Award recognises excellent customer service from a business. Businesses are nominated and voted for by the most important people for any business – the customer.

Voting can only be done via official nomination forms or online at www.bestbiz.co.nz. At the conclusion of the voting period, the votes will be tallied and finalists notified. Finalists will be provided with a specific criteria then a separate panel of judges will visit the finalists and assess them on this criteria.

Voting commences on 1 June and closes on 31 July 2009.



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