

It's time to begin the search for Tokyo's most dynamic and inspiring women business leaders.

The first ever International Women in Business Awards program is kicking off right now, and our first awards will be given at a glittering gala on 9/18/2009

The International Women in Business awards sponsored by FEW will honor 6 women who have been inspiring and making an impact and progressing across 5 fields.

The time period for nominations will kick off on at the FEW JULY meeting on 7/9 and the nominations time will close on midnight 8/15/2009 The nominees will be judged on three main criteria;

Professional accomplishments,
Community involvement and
Advocacy for women in business

The sector specific contests are open to women working in these five areas plus one overall winner:

Corporate Leader (International Business)
Community Leader (NGO/NPO/ Development Work)
Technology Leader (Any and all IT or technology related fields)
Arts/ Creative Leader (Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Music, Writing, etc)
Entrepreneurial Leader (Small Business Owner)
and finally,
The Tokyo International Business Woman of the Year

Winners will be selected by an independent panel of judges.
Awards will be presented on September 18th, 2009, at the Westin Hotel Galaxy Room in Ebisu.

NOMINATION DEADLINE:
August 15th 2009

Applications should be sent by
Email to few@gol.com
or by fax or mail

mail
FEW GALA
c/o SRMG
Minami Aoyama 1-15-28
Platinum Court 1F
107-0062

Or by FAX 03-3374-2309

You may nominate yourself or someone else. If nominating someone else, please make sure you confer with them and fill out all the relevant details on the application.

**International
Business Woman of the Year
Gala 2009**



SELECTION CRITERIA

Entries must meet initial selection criteria in order to be considered for an award.

- Must be a female resident of Tokyo Japan, or be employed in Tokyo. Nominee can be a foreign woman in Tokyo, or an Internationally minded, bi-lingual Japanese Woman
- May be self-nominated or nominated by another person.
- Cannot be a member of the judges panel, or a member of any judge's immediate family.

DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF FEW

INFORMATION NEEDED ON COVER PAGE

Nominee

- Name
- Present position
- Company
- Address
- Daytime telephone number
- Fax number
- E-mail address
- Length of employment
- Size of organization
- Whether she is an owner or co-owner of the organization
- Names and daytime telephone numbers of three professional references

Nominator

Please note that the nominator's information holds no weight in the judging process.

- Name
- Title
- Company
- Address
- Daytime telephone number
- Fax number
- E-mail address
- Relationship to nominee

Each nomination must include a cover page. Please include the following information in the order presented:

APPLICATION FOR JUDGING

The judges will concentrate on three areas with particular emphasis on recent accomplishments. And must include information as outlined below, using all headings (I, II, III) as illustrated, in a narrative format and may not exceed a total of two pages in length (at least 10pt. type size for the entire narrative).

I. PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This is the individual's level of achievement within her company, industry and economic

region. Examples may include but are not limited to:

- A description of the nominee's most significant professional accomplishments.
- Organizations where nominee works, and has worked, important dates, titles, and responsibilities.
- Licenses, degrees (please list names of universities/institutions), areas of professional expertise.
- Honors and awards (list dates, etc.).
- Special skills and abilities.
- Entrepreneurial activities or initiatives, i.e. business growth.

II. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List past and present community activities in which the nominee and/or her business is/has been involved and describe the extent of the involvement. Examples may include but are not limited to:

- Honors and awards received (list dates, nature of award, etc.).
- Past and/or present active involvement in community organizations where the nominee has made a significant difference. Explain the nature of involvement, list dates of involvement and provide the name and number of a person who can verify this involvement.

III. ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF WOMEN

Demonstrate the individual's impact and success within her company, industry, and economic region as it relates to but is not limited to:

- Supporting personal or professional growth of other women in business.
- Professional creativity and innovation (list examples).
- Overcoming personal and professional obstacles.

Cover the above areas with enough detail to be sufficient, while remembering the two-page limit. Including the cover page, your entry should not exceed three pages. Nominations and applications can be sent by email, fax, or mail as stated above.

WINNERS

Our 6 winners will take home wonderful prize packages and awards and will be profiled in the FEW Newsletter and featured in a Tokyo Business publication.

Prize packages will include gifts and goods from restaurants, publishers, services and retail companies in Japan.