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MWDI MĀORI BUSINESSWOMEN'S AWARDS 2025

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. A business/individual can nominate themselves.

2. Entry in the MWDI Māori Businesswomen's Awards is free.

3. Entries must be a business owned by a woman of Māori decent (sole or joint ownership accepted), have a shareholding that is greater than 50%, and that has been operating for more than 12 months.

4. All entries must include a comprehensive business plan. In addition, financial statements for the 2023/2024 financial year are required and must be submitted with every application.

5. Nominations are open from 7 April 2025 till 5PM 21 July 2025 and may only be made using the official nomination form submitted online at https://mwdi.co.nz/awards24/

6. Unsuccessful nominees and successful category winners from previous years may re-nominate in subsequent years.

7. A business/individual may be nominated in more than one category if appropriate, but can only move through to be celebrated (as a Finalist/Winner) in one regional category and up to two business categories.

8. Regional category nominations may enter up to two regions based on whakapapa and can participate in up to two business categories per individual nomination.

9. To qualify for a regional category, business owners must whakapapa to that region and be registered with a local iwi organisation.

10. The MWDI Awards Office reserves the right to enter submissions in additional award categories as deemed appropriate. Every effort will be made to inform nominators and nominees of this.

11. It is permissible to contact the MWDI Awards Office for guidance and support during the compilation of a nomination. Please call 04 499 6504 or email awards@mwdi.co.nz

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12. All information submitted will be kept by Māori Women's Development Inc. (MWDI) exclusively for the purpose of administering and judging the MWDI Māori Businesswomen's Awards. All personal data will be handled with the utmost confidentiality. All information collected by MWDI is used, managed and stored in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020.

13. Entrants understand that they may be contacted by the MWDI Awards Office for further information and/or for publicity purposes.

14. Those selected as Finalists should be available to attend the Awards Dinner in Pōneke, Te Whanganui-A-Tara; on Friday, 17 October 2025 (inability to attend does not disqualify entry).

15. Entrants are required to submit a completed nomination form along with the appropriate documentation, which must include financial statements, annual accounts, or audited accounts.

16. The winner of the **"Te Kaipakihi Tino Taumata"** (Supreme Award winner) will be chosen by the judges from entries in the Business categories only.

17. Finalists and winners of all categories will be announced at the Awards Gala dinner on **Friday, 24 October 2025.**

18. At the Judge's discretion, two winners may be awarded in a category and/or any other special commendations awarded where deemed appropriate.

19. Any business owned by a sponsor can enter any category they are normally eligible to enter excluding the category which they sponsor.

20. Entrants must disclose any issues that could potentially compromise the integrity of the MWDI Māori Businesswomen's Awards or threaten the continuity of their business in the subsequent year. These issues may include, but are not limited to, legal actions, changes in legislation, potential loss of funding, or any other significant risks.

21. All entrants must agree to reasonably participate in publicity around the Awards that has been organised by MWDI, and as requested by the category sponsor.

22. Entrants may utilise consultants or external assistance in preparing their entries; however, such providers must not be present during any part of the judging process.

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23. All entries will be treated with strict confidentiality. Judges are required to sign a confidentiality agreement, prohibiting them from disclosing any information related to entrants outside of the judging process.

24. Judges will not participate in the judging of any organisations where they are a Shareholder, Director or Employee, or where an actual or potential conflict of interest arises.

25. Judges will not participate in the judging of any other entrants in a category where they are conflicted as above.

26. By accepting these conditions you also agree to Māori Women's Development Inc (MWDI) to use your photo/video as follows:
    - Photos/video may be used in a range of MWDI or MWDI-supported promotional materials, such as print and electronic media, including websites.
    - MWDI may edit or format photos/video for print or online.
    - You have the right to request, in writing, that MWDI stop using your photos/video.
    - All MWDI photos are subject to Creative Commons licencing. This means that people are free to copy, distribute and adapt the photos from print and websites, as long as they attribute them to MWDI.
    - All photos, videography are MWDI owned.

27. Winners of each category will be presented with an award to keep. The winner of each Regional Category will receive $2,000 in prize money. Similarly, each Business Category winner will be awarded $2,000. The overall winner, 'Te Kaipakihi Tino Taumata', will receive a prize of $10,000.

28. The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

29. The MWDI Awards Office reserves the right to make reasonable amendments to these Conditions of Entry at any point in time.

Consent

[INSERT CHECK BOX]By entering these awards, you acknowledge and agree that should you be selected as a winner in any region or category, you consent to your name, business details, and relevant information being shared with iwi organisations for the purposes of promotion, recognition, and further opportunities.

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