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We're excited to launch the inaugural *Inclusive Growth Awards*. We believe that diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) are central and essential to fairness of opportunity, competitiveness of business, economic growth and Canada's prosperity.

Working with the Canadian Chamber Network of chambers of commerce and boards of trade and their business members, from across the country, we advocate for an economy that works for all Canadians, and particularly, for underrepresented segments of the population who continue to experience barriers to full participation and success in the economy.

What are the awards all about?

The Canadian Chamber's <u>Inclusive Growth Awards</u> to recognize chambers of commerce, boards of trade and their business members across Canada, that do exceptional work to remove barriers and create a more diverse, equitable and inclusive economy. In addition, these awards are to recognize Indigenous and other underrepresented entrepreneurs who have demonstrated excellence in innovation and social impact.

Who can apply?

- Chambers of commerce and boards of trade that can demonstrate they have implemented successful initiatives to advance economic reconciliation or increase diversity, equity, inclusion or accessibility in their organizational practices.
- Members of chambers of commerce and boards of trade that can demonstrate they have implemented successful initiatives to advance economic reconciliation or increase diversity, equity, inclusion or accessibility in their business operations.
- Indigenous and other underrepresented entrepreneurs in Canada that are members
 of chambers of commerce and boards of trade in Canada, that have owned their
 business for a minimum of one year; belong to an equity deserving group (Indigenous,
 women, racialized, 2SLGTBQ+, new Canadians, and entrepreneurs with disabilities);
 and have demonstrated excellence in innovation and social impact.

How do you apply?

- Nominees can be nominated by a chamber of commerce or board of trade in Canada; by a member of a chamber of commerce or board of trade in Canada; or by self-nomination.
- All nominees, whether nominated by a third party or self-nominated must complete and submit the Nominee Consent Form as part of their application.
- Indigenous or other underrepresented entrepreneurs can self-identify by a separate form within the nomination form.
- Nominations must be received by Friday, July 28, 2023 at 8:00pm ET.

And then what?

- All nominations will be reviewed for eligibility.
- Nominees will be informed if their application has been accepted.
- The judging panel will independently review the submissions and submit their scores to the Canadian Chamber for compilation.
- Award winners will be invited to an awards presentation on Saturday, October 14, 2023 in Calgary, Alberta.

Have questions?

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