

About this Award – Distinguished Family Business of the Year Award (DFBY)

The Family Business Excellence Award for the Distinguished Family Business of the Year Award is conferred on the Australian or New Zealand owned family business which best demonstrates the successful blend of family and business interests by adopting FBA’s family business best-practice. Certain elements of family business best-practice are unique to family businesses, due to the family context, whilst other elements are more generic and apply to most professionally run businesses, irrespective of ownership type.

The DFBY identifies family businesses which implement FBA’s family business best-practice; that achievement is celebrated at The Family Business Conference 2024 and represents an example for the benefit of others. The DFBY is a highly prestigious award which is proudly promoted by winners and serves as a reference point for the future development of the business.

Please take the time to complete all sections of your submission **by 31st December 2023**.

Link for nominations [Family Business Excellence Awards](#)

- Finalists of the DFBY Award will receive a 20% discount to the Family Business Conference 2024. *Discount will apply to the standard rate and no further discounts will be applied.*
- Winners of the DFBY Award will receive complimentary Joint [2 person] FBA Membership for the

The Family Business Awards 2023/24 key dates

Nominations open:	1 st June 2023
Nominations close:	31 st December 2023
Awards Dinner:	TFBC2024 (1-3 May)

Eligibility

To be eligible to nominate for the Award, you must:

- be an Australian or New Zealand-owned family business
- be a family business member of FBA
- fulfil the criteria as set out in this Submission Form

General submission advice

Ensure that your submission:

- clearly shows why your entry is outstanding;
- follows the nomination form format and each section is complete;
- is concise and direct;
- substantiates all claimed outcomes; and
- is neat and well-structured, with easily accessible supporting material and references if applicable.

Please note: if your family purchased the business (i.e. did not found it), this submission should relate to the period of your family's ownership. You may choose to refer to its prior history, but the DFBA relates to the period of ownership by the incumbent family owner.

As the judges are looking for the families input, submissions prepared by family members are preferred over those prepared by consultants or marketing departments.

To enable The Family Business Awards Judging Panel to accurately assess your submission, please complete all sections.

Confidentiality clause

FBA guarantees that information provided by applicants will be treated with the utmost confidence and will only be available to the judges and administration personnel managing these awards.

Conditions of Entry

1. The DFBY is open to both members and non-members of FBA.
2. The DFBY recognises achievements in family business.
3. One DFBY is presented each year.
4. The recipient will be chosen from the applicants; however, if no applicant is considered to adequately meet the criteria the Award may be withheld. Entries will be judged on the information provided on the FBEAY form submitted, together with any supporting material.
5. The completed submission must be lodged in electronic format only.
6. FBA will select a panel of appropriately qualified and experienced judges to assess nominations for the Award. The judges will be bound by a code of conduct. FBA will disclose the identity of the judges solely at its discretion.
7. The judges will consider entries received, and may seek external expert advice.
8. The judges will make the final Award selection. In all cases this will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. Entrants are not to have any direct contact with judges.
10. FBA is not liable under any circumstances associated with the Award for any damage, infringement or violation affecting the property rights of the entrant, nominee, organisation or an individual.
11. Entries and supporting materials will not be returned.
12. The Family Business Awards Dinner will feature the top three (3) finalists from each of the eight categories. Attendance at the event is expected for each finalist, as the winner of each award will be announced during the event.
13. The top three finalists of the DFBY will receive a 20% discount off the full delegate package to the Family Business Conference 2024. Discount will be applied at the standard rate for a maximum of one ticket and no further discounts will be applied.
14. Winners of the DFBY will receive a complimentary Joint FBA Membership for the following financial year July – June.
15. Entrants acknowledge and agree that the Family Business Excellence Awards provides a promotional opportunity for their business and also for FBA, and will cooperate wherever possible with all media opportunities and marketing initiatives led by FBA. This may include providing photos, video, quotes and testimonials to promote alignment with FBA and the Awards.

Please contact awards@familybusiness.org.au for any further questions regarding this Award.