

About the Award – Sustainable Development in Family Business Award (SD)

For family businesses where positive environmental and social impact is at the core of their purpose. They are applying innovative solutions to better the world in which we live.

Purpose

Family Business Australia (FBA) Sustainable Development in Family Business Award recognises family businesses that demonstrate leadership and commitment to sustainable business practices that align with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. FBA proudly recognise that the family business sector has an excellent record in leading sustainable development through its focus on stewardship and long-term business survival as opposed to short term gains - FBA support and encourage this practice. When these developments also enhance the business success and performance, there is benefit for the environment, the family and the business, and this deserves to be recognised and promoted.

The UN SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) are:

[GOAL 1: No Poverty](#)

[GOAL 2: Zero Hunger](#)

[GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being](#)

[GOAL 4: Quality Education](#)

[GOAL 5: Gender Equality](#)

[GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation](#)

[GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy](#)

[GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth](#)

[GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure](#)

[GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality](#)

[GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities](#)

[GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production](#)

[GOAL 13: Climate Action](#)

[GOAL 14: Life Below Water](#)

[GOAL 15: Life on Land](#)

[GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions](#)

[GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal](#)

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 SD 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 SD Award will receive complimentary individual FBA Membership for the following financial year (July – June).

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

This award is for a family business, not an individual. It is awarded for the achievement of – or substantial progress towards – a sustainability initiative within the past 12 months. To be eligible to nominate for the Award:

- The person completing the submission must be a family member in a senior role with authority to nominate for the Award. This person will represent the business if the judging panel requests an interview in relation to the submission.

Your business must:

- Fulfil the criteria as set out in this Submission Form
- Demonstrate a sustainability initiative/s which is in relation to the way the business operates or interacts with the wider community. It is not awarded to the business for the nature of the products and services the business provides.
- Demonstrate that the initiative has either reached completion OR achieved substantial milestones with measurable outcomes within the past 12 months.

General submission advice

Ensure that your submission:

- clearly shows with evidence, 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.

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

Confidentiality clause

FBA guarantee 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.

If you have any questions regarding the Award, please contact awards@familybusiness.org.au

Conditions of Entry

1. The Sustainable Development in Family Business Award is open to members and non-members of FBA
2. One Sustainable Development in Family Business Award is presented each year.
3. The winner 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 Sustainable Development in Family Business Award form submitted, together with any supporting material and an interview with the applicant if required (at the judge's discretion).
4. The completed submission must be lodged in electronic format only.
5. 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 solely disclose the identity of the judges at its discretion.
6. The judges will consider entries received, and may seek external expert advice.
7. The judges will make the final Award selection. In all cases this will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
8. Entrants are not to have any direct contact with judges.
9. 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.
10. Entries and supporting materials will not be returned.
11. 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.
12. The top three finalists of the SD 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.
13. Winners of the SD will receive a complimentary Joint FBA Membership for the following financial year July – June.
14. Entrants acknowledge and agree that The Family Business 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.