



Frequently Asked Questions

What is an Excellence in Business Award and why should my company seek one?

The Ebbies were created in 1991 by the Chamber to honor San Francisco businesses for their innovation, to celebrate their vision and publicly appreciate their contributions to the quality of life in the community and at their workplace. The Excellence in Business Awards is widely regarded as the top business awards program in the Bay Area immediately positioning finalists as leaders in their industry and offering unparalleled opportunities to spotlight your company before a stellar audience of business and civic leaders. Finalists receive extensive exposure leading up to the November gala.

How are finalists recognized?

Finalists are included in Ebbies promotional materials before, during and after the award gala. Finalists are invited to a private reception given in their honor attended by Ebbies sponsors and chamber board members. Winners are announced at the gala attended by over 600 of San Francisco's top-level business leaders from large, mid-size and small businesses and community organizations. Finalists are featured on the Ebbies webpage, in press releases, print ads, email blasts, social media and signage. Photos from the finalist reception and gala are posted on the Chamber website. A special congratulatory print ad will run in a local newspaper following the gala.

How does my company enter?

Applications for the 2016 Excellence in Business Awards will open on May 16th. To be considered for an award you simply complete a one page form profiling your company and answer two to five questions specific to the award category. Companies may enter more than one category. 2016 categories will be listed soon.

How are winners selected?

Judges are drawn from the award sponsor companies. All are chamber members representing a broad cross-section of San Francisco businesses recognized for their leadership, vision and positive impact on their employees and the San Francisco community, the very qualities the Ebbies seeks to identify. Judges often includes past winners. Three finalists are chosen from each category by judges with expertise relevant to the category. Final winners are chosen by a committee made up of judges from each category. Entries are reviewed in August with finalists announced in September.

Where do I find more information?

Please check back here for more details on the 2016 award categories, submission deadlines and application form or contact Dianna Cavagnaro at dcavagnaro@sfchamber.com or 415-352-8858.