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Sam Tjengala Reuben Award recognising Young Indigenous Entrepreneur of the Year

This award recognises a young Indigenous entrepreneur who has successfully brought their business idea to fruition, can demonstrate the potential for significant growth in the years to come and has demonstrated ongoing engagement with Supply Nation and / or our members and Indigenous businesses.

The winner will:

- Identify as an Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander person under 35 years old as at 1 December 2023
- Be the owner and founder / co-founder of a business listed on Indigenous Business Direct that has been in operation for at least one year as of 1 January 2024 (i.e. from 1 January 2023 or earlier)
- Demonstrate business acumen
- Demonstrate business growth
- Identify and meet a need / gap in the market
- Demonstrate commitment to building a prosperous, vibrant and sustainable Indigenous business sector

Note: if you / your organisation has won this award within the past two years (2022 or 2023), you are NOT eligible to be nominated for this award in 2024.

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Thank you for starting a nomination for the 2026 Supplier Diversity Awards.

Please note: these questions are not scored by our judging panel but do provide them with valuable context about the nominee's organisation.

You can nominate an individual or organisation for more than one award category, but you can only complete one nomination at a time. Remember to save your work regularly. You may also wish to draft your responses in a Word document, or download the 'blank entry PDF' for reference (this PDF cannot be used to submit the nomination).

To get started, select the award category you are seeking to nominate and write the name of the nominee (individual / organisation) in the field below.

Name of Nominee

Name of the Nominee. 10 words

Please include the first and last name of the person you are nominating (if self-nominating, include your name here). From this point, 'Nominee' refers to the person being nominated for this award, not the person making the nomination.

Phonetic pronunciation of the Nominee's Name.

Please include for first and last names. These will be used if they are selected as a finalist. Example: John Citizen is pronounced as John Sit-Ee-Zen.

Nominee's Role. 35 words

Include the Nominee's job title / role and the name of the department this role sits within (e.g. procurement)

What pronouns does the Nominee use? (optional) 10 words

For example: she / her / hers, he / him / his, they / them / their

Please include the Nominee's biography outlining their professional career and highlights 150 words

Tell us about the business your nominating. 150 words

Describe the business you are nominating, what it does, its key goals or objectives, and / or vision or values

When was the business listed on Indigenous Business Direct? 10 words

Please provide the month and year.

Is the business a Certified Supplier with Supply Nation?

- Yes
- No

Please select 'Yes' from the drop down menu if the business is certified with Supply Nation.

What is the Nominee's birth date?

Please provide the year, month and day in the format YYYY-MM-DD

Thanks for telling us a little about the business you are nominating.

Please note: these questions are scored by our judging panel and have been developed to align with the category criteria as set out on the first page.

Explain the vision / aspiration for the business. Give specific examples of plans for continued growth. 250 words

What challenges has the Nominee faced in starting this business and how did they overcome them? 200 words

What three things does the Nominee believe contributed most to the success of the business? 250 words

Give specific examples of areas of growth in the Nominee's business up to the end of 2023. 350 words

What need / gap in the market does the Nominee's business fill? 200 words

Explain how the Nominee identified the gap / need and how the business fills this. 200 words

Explain other ways the Nominee's business positively impacts the Indigenous business sector. 200 words

Give examples of how the Nominee engages with Supply Nation and its stakeholders. 200 words

Please note: as part of this nomination, you must attach the files listed below.
The maximum size is 5MB per file. The content you choose to upload will be used if you are selected as a finalist in the award category.

1. Between one and four photos of the nominee and / or their team (high-resolution, at least 1MB and portrait orientation NOT landscape).
2. High-resolution business logos:

- Full colour and black and white versions
- Horizontal and vertical / stacked options
- Preferred file type: vector (.ai or .eps), also accepted: .png, .jpg

Please enter the below information so that we can contact you regarding your nomination if required.

Supply Nation does not share any personal information with any third parties. If the nominee is selected as a finalist, we may promote the finalist on our communications channels.

What is the best way to contact the Nominee by phone?

Provide a number where the Nominee can be reached between 9am and 5pm Monday - Friday. This information will not be publicly shared.

What is the best way to contact the Nominee via email?

Include an email that is monitored between 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday. This information will not be publicly shared.

What is the best way to contact the Nominee via mail / post? 100 words

This information will not be publicly shared.

What is the Business's website?

Include the website (either the home page or a landing page of your choosing). This information may be publicly shared.

How can people interact with the business on Facebook? (optional)

Include the URL for the business's Facebook page AND @handle for tagging. This information may be publicly shared.

How can people interact with the business on LinkedIn? (optional)

Include the URL for the business's LinkedIn page AND @handle for tagging. This information may be publicly shared.

How can people interact with the business on Instagram? (optional)

Include the @handle for the business's Instagram page for tagging. This information may be publicly shared.

How can people interact withthe business on YouTube? (optional)

Include the URL for the business's YouTube channel AND @handle for tagging (if you have one). This information may be publicly shared.

Ready to submit your nomination?

- Complete your nomination later by selecting **Save + Close**
- Review your responses by selecting **Preview**
- Finalise and submit your nomination by selecting **Submit Entry**

Ensure all nominations are finalised and submitted before the closing date:
11:59pm AEDT, Sunday 22 March 2026.

Important: by submitting your nomination, you agree that if you are selected as a finalist, you will not disclose this to anyone (including Supply Nation staff) until the official, public announcement is made.

The materials provided in this application may be used for marketing purposes to promote finalists or winners unless otherwise specified.