



**SOUTH AFRICA**

**2026**

**NOMINATION PROCESS INFORMATION PACK**

**Nominations open on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2025**

**Excellence deserves formal recognition.**

We believe that excellence deserves to be rewarded and the recognition awards have played a significant role in the development and empowerment of women to elevate their “brands”.

***To inspire women to achieve and impact those around them in a deeper and more profound way, and to be acknowledged by Woman of Stature for achieving success within their industry.***



**The Woman of Stature Awards** which is now global, has been held in South Africa since 2013, and in Dubai since 2022 with plans to expand across all continents of the world. After years of hard work and following ethical processes, we are proud that our efforts have paid off and we are now able to recognize and shine a spotlight on noteworthy women making great strides in their respective industries, not only in South Africa but globally. But you may ask, how did we do it and what sets us apart from the rest?

The Woman of Stature Awards are run with utmost integrity and ethics. Once you are nominated for the awards, there is a thorough administration process of screening the nominee, conducting due diligence, approving the nomination, adjudication, and auditing the results. The adjudication panel is independent of the awards, the leaders of the industry, past winners, and finalists.

This is a system we developed to bring credibility and a fair outcome for all parties involved.

Since its establishment in 2013, the Woman of Stature Awards has built an upright reputation, and it is because of such thorough processes that are followed that have put us on a global standing. Through this verification system, the winners are awarded not by their financial contribution but purely by their positive contribution to society at large, their communities, and the business world in South Africa and the world.

One of the major benefits of a Nominee, Finalist, or Winner is the personal and professional development during their nomination journey. The coaching and mentoring received and in addition to this the PR and Media exposure in South Africa, Africa, and globally.

The Woman of Stature Awards follows an eight-step process:

**Step 1:**

Complete online Nomination Form

**Step 2:**

Accept Nomination

**Step 3:**

Submit the required documentation

**Step 4:**

Screening and approval of nomination

**Step 5:**

Announcement of Nominees

**Step 6:**

Adjudication of Nominees

**Step 7:**

Announcement of Finalists

**Step 8:**

Announcement of Winners

The Woman of Stature Awards has earned the reputation as one of South Africa's prestigious recognition awards because of the professional and ethical process. The nomination process, adjudication, and scoring system are audited by our auditing partner MGIRAS.

The nomination fee of R750 can either be paid by the nominator or the nominee but does not guarantee that the nomination is successful.

There are two special awards in addition to the category awards: Fundraiser of the Year for the most funds raised and Public Choice Award which is determined by a public voting system.

**This does not influence the results or determine the category or overall winner.**

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Woman of Stature South African Awards will be held in Johannesburg on Saturday 11 April 2026.**

**Categories are:**

- *CEO of the Year*
- *Entrepreneur of the Year (Min 2 Yrs./R2M turnover)*
- *Woman in Arts and Culture*
- *Woman in Beauty and Fashion*
- *Woman in Coaching and Mentoring*
- *Woman in Community Services (Registered NPO)*
- *Woman in Education and Training*
- *Woman in Engineering and Mining*
- *Woman in Financial Services*
- *Woman in Health and Wellness*
- *Woman in Media and Journalism*
- *Woman in MICE, Tourism, and Hospitality*
- *Woman in Sport*
- *Woman in Technology*

***If a category does not meet the minimum requirement of five nominations (nominees), Woman of Stature has the right to close the category move the nominee to another category, and merge categories.***

**VIRTUAL NOMINEE ORIENTATION and FREE WORKSHOPS**

- Nominees are invited to attend online orientation and workshops that will support their nomination journey.

**WORKSHOPS**

**Your Path to Readiness Towards Adjudication is a series of 4 workshops to support the nominee in her preparation for the adjudication.**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Nominations close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2025
- Virtual announcement of Nominees: 5 December 2025
- Virtual adjudication: Between 27 February and 7 March 2026
- Virtual Media Launch: 11 March 2026
- Gala Awards Dinner: 11 April 2026

**ADJUDICATION:**

- Every category is adjudicated by a panel of three adjudicators.
- Adjudication is online on Zoom.
- Adjudication interview slot is 20 minutes.
- Nominees will be informed well in advance of their interview date and time.
- Results will be announced at the Gala Awards Dinner

**AWARDS GALA DINNER EVENT:**

- As a semi-finalist you are required to attend the event in person or stand to be eliminated, exceptions will be made in the event of hospitalization or death of an immediate family member.
- Semi-finalists qualify for a free ticket to the Gala Awards Dinner if they sell two tickets.
- Two free tickets if they sell a minimum of 8 tickets or a corporate table.

- Semi-Finalists are responsible for their travel and accommodation.
- Semi-Finalists receive a Recognition Certificate.
- Category winners receive a framed category winner certificate, trophy, and various other prizes.
- Overall winner receives a framed winner certificate, trophy, and various other prizes.
- Official photos taken of finalists and winners.

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