

National Enterprise Awards 2015

Competition Guidelines



STAGE 1: The local competition

1. Each Local Enterprise Office to select the County winner.
2. A standard application form will be used across the Country.
3. Entrants must be current clients of the LEO or transferred to EI within the last 12 months.
4. All businesses must have benefited from Measure 1 grant (Capital, Employment, Equity or Preference Shares) or Measure 2 Support. Companies that have received support by way of feasibility studies or R&D assistance from other agencies are not excluded.
5. Eligible entries will employ ten or less staff.
6. Previous County winners are not excluded.
7. Four copies of the Business Plan, together with the most recent financial statements will be mandatory to progress to national final. A single copy will suffice at County level.
8. Adjudication and prize fund at County level is the responsibility of Local Enterprise Office Tipperary and external adjudicators will be engaged to judge the competition.
9. Standard judging guidelines and scoring sheet will be used throughout.
10. Please return your completed application form, together with a current Business Plan and set of up to date financial statements to Local Enterprise Office, Tipperary, Ballingarrane House, Ballingarrane, Cahir Rd, Clonmel or Civic Offices, Limerick Rd, Nenagh or email as a pdf file to leo@tipperarycoco.ie **by Friday 13 March 2015.**
11. All entries for the National Enterprise Awards Final to be submitted to LEO Cork City, City Council, City Hall, Cork. **no later than noon on Wednesday, 8th April 2015.**
Please note that it will not be possible to accept entries after this date.

County final

- **Date:** Wednesday 25 March 2015
- **Time:** 7.30p.m.
- **Venue:** Brú Ború, Cashel

- **Prize Fund:**

Prize Fund: A total prize fund of €4,000 will be awarded at County Level:

- Winner	€ 1,500
- Runner Up	€ 1,000
- Third Place	€ 500
- Special category awards x 2 (Innovation, ICT, PR Strategy etc.)	€ 250

In conjunction with Tipperary Green Business Network, awards valued at €500 will be presented to the Best Green Businesses in the County.

The winners will be presented with specially commissioned Awards, monetary prizes and Certificates of achievement. The competition will feature in all local media and the LEO will maximise the PR opportunity for competition winners.

STAGE 2: The National Final

Eight finalists will be chosen by an independent panel of adjudicators to go forward to the National Enterprise Awards on **Thursday, 4 June 2015 in Dublin.**

Prize Fund:

Prize Fund: A total prize fund of €20,000 will be available :

- Overall Winner	€ 5,000
- Runner Up	€ 3,000
- 8 finalists (8 @ €1500)	€12,000

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