FRENCH BUSINESS AWARDS 2020
Application Form

About the awards - 4 Categories

1. **Best Initiative Award:**
   FACC Best Initiative Awards recognize those organizations and people who bring new initiatives to life. Whether that idea is big or small, these ideas change the way we experience the world.

   - Corporate Social Responsibility
   - Sustainability
   - Best Tech for a Better Future

2. **Best Place to Work:**
   FACC The Best Places to Work Awards identify the organizations doing all they can to improve the performance by challenging their employees in an environment that makes work fun and engaging. FACC honors those companies who help their employees accelerate their careers, knowledge and performance.

3. **Rising Star:**
   FACC Rising Star Award is to recognize the most promising young company or young entrepreneur
4. **Best French/American Company:**

This award is designed for companies or SMEs, members of the French Chamber, working with France and/or American and which have shown excellence and outstanding achievements in all aspects of their organization in 2018-2019. To apply for this award, please fill in this form in English (unless stated otherwise) as accurately and completely as possible.

**Your company must be a member of the French American Chamber of Commerce, Florida Chapter to apply for this category.**

**The deadline for the submission of your application is Friday, March 27th, 2020.**

Please submit your completed application as soon as possible as spots are limited for each category!

Please note that the Jury will sign a confidentiality agreement. No information, data or figures, will be given to third parties without your explicit authorization.

Select Awards (No limit):

- [ ] Best French/American Company Award
- [ ] Best Initiative Award
- [ ] Best Place to Work
- [ ] Rising Star
SECTION 1: ABOUT YOUR COMPANY

General information

Company Name: ___________________________________________

Company Name: ___________________________________________

Website: _________________________________________________

Date of creation or beginning of operation in Florida: _______________

Is your company a subsidiary of a large group / corporation? Yes / No

If you answered ‘Yes’, what is the country of origin of your company? :__________________

President / Managing Director’s name and title: __________________________

Main contact for the contest:

Name: ___________________________________________

Title: ___________________________________________

Email: ___________________________________________

Tel.: ___________________________________________
SECTION 2: ABSTRACT

Please explain your main activities in a short abstract in English. This abstract will be used for the press releases following the event. It will also help the jury come to a decision. Your abstract should contain basic details of your business and the products/services you offer or plan to offer.

700 characters max. Spaces included

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SECTION 3: FINANCIALS (Optionals)

Please show here the evolution of your company in Florida. Your financials will help the Jury get a better idea of your company and your activity in Florida. You may skip this part only if the figures are confidential.

2018 turnover
   What was your company’s turnover (in JPY)?

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2018 workforce:
   How many employees worked at your company as of 2018?

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2019 turnover (forecast):
   What is your company’s turnover (in JPY)?

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2019 workforce:
   How many employees work at your company as of today?

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SECTION 4: WHY SHOULD YOUR COMPANY WIN THIS AWARD?

Tell us why your company should win this award (1000 characters maximum)

Please detail here the reason why you feel your company should win this Award. The Jury will be attentive to the following elements: clear explanation of overall business and demonstrable growth or measurable results, proven commitment to customers, excellent record in staff training and personal development, stimulating and supportive workplace, advancement of diversity, equality of opportunity, fairness and gender equality in all activities, demonstration of high ethical standards, strategic application of business processes and operations.
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RULES

art. 1 The French American Chamber of Commerce in Miami (FACC) is organizing the “FACC Awards and Gala 2020” with the aim of promoting French American trade and rewarding the most active companies.

art. 2
a. The competition is open only to member companies of the FACC, Miami for the categories: Best French/Company of the Year, Best Initiative, Rising Star and Best Place to Work regardless of their legal structure. Participation to the competition is free.
b. The Jury’s Special Award cannot be applied for and the winner is drawn from all entrants with a remarkable project that defies all expectations. It will be determined to the Jury’s discretion.

art. 3 Application forms should be returned by email to: rraynaud@faccmiami.com along with the nominated company’s logo in high definition on a transparent background (preferably in .ai format). The forms must be filled in English (unless stated otherwise) as accurately and completely as possible. The deadline for submission of the application forms is 27th March 2020.

art. 4 Any information submitted will remain confidential and will only be seen by the FACC staff processing the documents and members of the Jury. The Jury will sign a confidentiality agreement. No information, data or figures, will be given to third parties without your explicit authorization.

art. 5 The FACC staff and the Jury reserves the right to contact shortlisted applicants to obtain further information.

art. 6 The Jury, independent and sovereign, will make its decisions according to a majority vote. These decisions cannot be revoked. Members of the Jury as well as the companies or organizations to which they belong may not take part in the competition. The constitution of the Jury is placed under the responsibility of the FACC. The President of the Jury shall have a casting vote if votes are evenly divided. Each participant will be informed individually of the Jury’s decision.

art. 7 Press releases will be issued before and after the event.

Art. 8 The winners of the Awards undertake to be present during the “FACC Awards and Gala 2020” prize-giving ceremony, which will be held on 6th May 2020 at Jungle Island.
art. 9 The applicant accepts the terms and conditions of the competition rules without reserve. The applicant agrees to submit only accurate information to the jury, and in particular, agrees to submit information that is clear and cannot lead in any way to a misjudgment. In the case of significant irregularities, the jury reserves the right to withdraw the applicant’s submission and to withdraw any prize already awarded. Applications will be selected according to the criteria laid out in the application forms.

art. 10 The FACC cannot be held responsible for any temporary or definitive interruption to the competition for whatever reason. The organizer also reserves the right to make any necessary changes to the present rules if necessary, subject to informing the applicants in advance. The applicants may not make any claims or compensatory claims on this subject. The organizer further reserves the right to lengthen, if necessary, the duration of the competition.

art. 11 The winners of each category will be given, in addition to the award:
- 2-month free advertising banner on FACC website, 2 email blasts valid for 2 months and 10 social media posts
- Exposure through event-related articles and press releases

Additional information:
After completing all mandatory sections of the form, please feel free to add any additional information you think relevant to support your application. For instance, it can take the form of a press book. Please only submit concise and comprehensive information (hyperlinks will not be accepted). Your submission will be presented to the Jury unaltered; please submit carefully prepared documents (we suggest you combine/edit/expand the publicity brochures you already use).

Please send us along with this form the logo of your company in high definition with a transparent background, preferably in .ai or pdf format and feel free to attach pitch deck/presentation.

Application forms should be returned by e-mail to:

Rachel Raynaud
Executive director
rraynaud@faccmiami.com

The deadline for the submission of your application is Monday, March 27th, 2020.