**NACFB Commercial Lender Awards 2023**

Please use this form as a template to collate your submission information. To enter this category please submit all information [here](https://commerciallenderawards.co.uk/submit).

**The deadline for all entries is 17.00 on Friday 8th September 2023**

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| Submission category | **Rising Star of the Year** | | |
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**Award submission (max 300-words)**

Please draft your award submission below. Further guidance and overview of judging criteria can be found overleaf.

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| All entrants have a **maximum of 300-words** in which to convince the judges that they are worthy of winning this award  The NACFB have compiled ten top tips for an award-winning entry [here](https://commerciallenderawards.co.uk/submission-tips)  Information regarding this year’s judging process can be found [here](https://commerciallenderawards.co.uk/process) |
| Secure a table for this year’s event on **Thursday 30th November 2023** online [here](https://commerciallenderawards.co.uk/book) |

**Submission guidance**

In the dynamic world of commercial finance, a new generation of professionals is emerging, bringing fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and a passion for nurturing face-to-face connections. The Rising Star of the Year award recognises and celebrates these outstanding young professionals who embody the beating heart of our industry. More than just transactional, commercial finance thrives on the dedication and vision of individuals who are destined to be the future leaders of our sector. This esteemed accolade invites nominations for up-and-coming professionals under the age of 30 who have displayed exceptional promise, outstanding potential, and a commitment to driving positive change in the industry.

The Rising Star of the Year award welcomes nominations from all corners of the commercial finance landscape, including brokers, underwriters, relationship managers, and more. The judges seek rising stars who have demonstrated exceptional qualities, contributions, and achievements in their roles, with a focus on the human aspect of finance.

Outstanding contenders will have distinguished themselves not only through their professional accomplishments but also through their commitment to fostering strong relationships with clients and industry peers. They will have demonstrated a genuine passion for face-to-face interactions, understanding that finance is ultimately about helping real people achieve their dreams and goals.

The judges will be keenly interested in nominees who have displayed leadership qualities, innovation, and adaptability. Evidence of their impact on clients, colleagues, and the wider industry will be instrumental in substantiating their potential as future leaders.

Moreover, the winning Rising Star should embody the values of integrity, transparency, and ethical conduct, serving as an exemplary role model for the next generation of finance professionals.

In their award submission, nominators should provide compelling evidence of the nominee's dedication to continuous improvement, professional development, and a genuine commitment to driving positive change in the industry.

Furthermore, the judges will value nominees who have actively contributed to the growth and success of the organisations they represent, making tangible contributions to the business and its clients.

**Entry criteria**

* Entry to the Commercial Lender Awards is only open to NACFB lender Patrons, supplier Partners, and any personnel therein.
* Winners are selected based on the combined insight and votes from the judging panel and NACFB Members. The judging panel is made up of representatives from recognised industry stakeholders and includes an NACFB representative. NACFB Members will be invited to vote on the shortlist to select final winners. Winners for each category will be awarded based on a combined view of both the submission and Member voting.
* Entries can be for any event, campaign or initiative which has taken place between September 2022 and present.
* The deadline for all entries is **17.00** on **Friday 8th September 2023.**
* Shortlisted entrants will be notified by email no later than **Monday 9th October 2023.**
* The winners will be announced at the NACFB’s Commercial Lender Awards ceremony on **Thursday 30th November 2023** at the **Westminster Park Plaza, London**.
* An activity may be entered in more than one category, but each entry must be accompanied by an entry form. There is no limit to the number of entries one organisation can make.
* Judges reserve the right, without prior consent of the entrant, to move entries to different categories if they feel it is more appropriate.
* The judges’ and Members’ decision are final, no correspondence will be entered into, and no reasons given for decisions.
* All information provided to judges will be used solely for the purposes of assessing the entries. Any potentially sensitive information will not be made public.
* Winners may state in advertising and promotional material that they have won, but they must state the year the award was won.