

2025 Best in BID Awards Overview

Description:

The Best in BID awards annual voting contest allows the public to nominate and vote for their favorite businesses within the Downtown Spokane Business Improvement District (BID), celebrating success of local businesses and bolstering community engagement.

Timeline:

- Nomination period: December 26 – January 6
- Voting Period: January 8 – January 20

2025 Categories:

- Best new business (opened in 2024)
- Best local collaboration
- Most inspirational business owner
- Best place for wellness or relaxation
- Best social media presence
- Best place for a quick lunch break
- Best locally-owned fashion spot
- Best spot for a study session or work meeting
- Best place for a first date
- Best place to take your out-of-town guests

Nomination period:

- Nominees must be a Ratepayer in good standing of the BID.
 - Ratepayers in good standing are those Ratepayers who are not more than sixty days delinquent on any BID assessment. *For more information on BID assessments, click [here](#).*
- Only small, locally-owned businesses will be considered.

Public Voting Period:

- Four nominees per category will be named finalists for selection in the public voting period.
- Businesses/organizations may only be named a finalist in a maximum of one category, as determined at the discretion of the DSP.

Awards:

The finalists who receive the most public votes in their respective category by the end of the voting period will be named a 2025 Best in BID Award winner.

Award winners will receive:

- Spotlight and recognition at 2025 Annual Meeting of the BID event
- Featured spotlights on Downtown Spokane social media
- Spotlights in What's Happening Downtown e-newsletter (6,400+ subscribers)
- Paid digital advertisement features
- Feature in 2025 State of Downtown Annual Report
- Consideration for video feature in Spokane is Downtown campaign
 - Given to winners who have not previously received a SID video feature, provided to a maximum of six 2025 award winners.