



SBA 2009 WASHINGTON STATE SMALL BUSINESS AWARD COMPETITION

*Celebrating the entrepreneurial spirit of Washington State's small
business community*

***Nomination
deadline:
Wednesday,
November 19th***

Help us recognize outstanding leaders in the small business community. Any individual or organization may submit nominations. A company/owner may self-nominate. SBA's size standards (<http://www.sba.gov/size>) apply in defining a business as small. Individuals who own and operate or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business are eligible. A separate form is required for each nomination.

Submit completed form(s) to the SBA Seattle District Office by e-mail to Carol.Andersen@sba.gov, fax 202-481-0633 or mail U.S. Small Business Administration, Attn: Carol Andersen, 2401 Fourth Avenue, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98121.

AWARD CATEGORIES (Check one)

- Small Business Person of the Year:** Having at least three years of business experience, candidates must show growth in net worth and business expansion (documented with financial statements); increased jobs; increased sales; innovative products or services; response to adversity, and; community contributions.
- Entrepreneurial Success Award:** Nominee must own and operate a business initially launched as a small business and subsequently developed into a large business, *and* must have received SBA assistance to help the business grow.

Small Business Champion Awards: Those who promote small business above and beyond the call of their professional duties and responsibilities, advocating the cause of small business.

- Small Business Exporter of the Year:** Candidates must have been in business exporting goods or services for three years and with three years of financial statements, document significantly increased export sales, profits and job growth.
- SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year:** Owner will not reach 30th birthday by June 1, 2009 and with three years of financial statements must demonstrate a history of success with growth in sales and profits. Nominee must also show increased jobs, innovative products, and must demonstrate potential for future growth.
- Jeffrey Butland Family-owned Small Business of the Year:** This award honors a small business that has been passed on from one generation to another with at least a 15-year track record and a demonstrated history of success with growth in sales and profits (documented by three years of financial statements), increased jobs, potential for future growth, and volunteer efforts to strengthen family-owned businesses in the community.
- Financial Services Champion of the Year:** The amount and quality of financial assistance provided small businesses and advocacy of legislative or regulatory changes and improvements in the financial services or accounting industries. Nominee may or may not be small business owners.
- Home-Based Business Champion of the Year:** Nominee has experienced the rewards and difficulties of home-based business and has volunteered to improve the climate for these businesses. Nominee may or may not be small business owners.
- Minority Small Business Champion of the Year:** Nominee advances minority entrepreneurship. Nominee may or may not be small business owners.
- Small Business Journalist of the Year:** Journalists representing television, radio, electronic or print media who report and champion small business issues. Demonstrates efforts to improve the understanding of the role of small-business in the U.S. economy.
- Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year:** Nominee champions business opportunities for veterans. Nominee may or may not be veterans.
- Women in Business Champion of the Year:** Nominee supports legislative or regulatory action and other efforts to increase small business opportunities for women. Nominee may or may not be small business owners.

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Award Category: _____
Nominee Name: _____
Title: _____ Company/Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ FAX: _____
E-mail: _____

Short description of business and business owner(s) and reason why they deserve nomination (attach separate page if necessary).

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Nominator Name: _____
Title: _____ Company/Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ FAX: _____
E-mail: _____

Upon receipt of the nomination form, the nominee will be notified of your nomination and asked to complete a candidate's package and supporting documentation (including profit and loss statements). Winners from each category will be recognized at the "Washington State Small Business Awards Gala" in April 2009 and compete for nationwide honors during National Small Business Week in May 2009.

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Questions? Contact Carol Andersen at 206-553-7315 or carol.andersen@sba.gov