

2009 SMALL BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATIONS



Help us recognize outstanding leaders in the small business community and individuals who own and operate or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- SBA's size standards apply in defining a business as small -

Please check one or more potential categories:

- Small Business Person of the Year:** For developing an outstanding, growing business; innovative product(s), increasing jobs, increasing sales, overcoming adversity, and community contributions.
- Small Business Exporter of the Year:** Significantly increased export sales and profits, encouraging other firms to export, increased jobs through exports, and innovative methods of creating markets.
- SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year:** Owner will not reach 30th birthday by June 1, 2009, three-year evidence of success in sales and profits, increased jobs, innovative products, demonstrated potential.
- Entrepreneurial Success Award:** Must own and operate a business that was launched "small" by SBA size standards, received SBA assistance and has since grown into a large business.
- Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year:** This award honors a family owned and operated small business which has been passed on from one generation to another and must have at least a fifteen (15) year track record.

Small Business Champions of the Year: Those who promote small business, including volunteering time and services to small business interests and groups, advocating the cause of small business in the legislative process. Champions may or may not be small business owners.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Small Business Champion of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Women in Business Champion of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Journalist of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home-Based Business Champion of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services Champion of the Year |

PRELIMINARY NOMINEE INFORMATION

I nominate _____ Title _____

Company/Organization _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

When nominating a business owner please complete the following: Is the company operating profitably _____

of years in business _____ # of employees _____ annual sales \$ _____

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION:

Nominator Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Reply by **October 31, 2008**

Mail or fax (612.370.2303) this form to:
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For more information, please contact Twila Kennedy at 612.370.2300 or E-mail twila.kennedy@sba.gov Self-nominations accepted. This form may be duplicated. SBA will contact the nominator for more information. Thanks for your support of small business!