



2009 SBA SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS PRELIMINARY NOMINATION

Help us recognize outstanding leaders in the small business community.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Please check one or more potential categories:

Must be meet SBA size standards as a small business and be in business 3 or more years.

- 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:** Business owner who has 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, 2008, three-year evidence of success in sales and profits, increased jobs, innovative products, demonstrated potential.
- SBA Family-Owned Small Business of the Year:** Family owned and operated business which has been passed on from one generation to another. (*Business must have a 15-year track record.*)

Small Business Champions of the Year: Those who have fulfilled a commitment to the advancement of small business, including volunteering time and services to small business interests and groups, championing the cause of small business in the legislative process. Champions may or may not be small business owners.

- Minority Small Business Champion of the Year:** Has fulfilled a commitment to support minority entrepreneurship.
- Women in Business Champion of the Year:** Has fulfilled a commitment to the advancement of women's business ownership.
- Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year:** Has fulfilled a commitment to advancing small business opportunities for veterans of the U.S. armed forces.
- Financial Services Champion of the Year:** Individuals who assist small businesses through advocacy efforts to increase the usefulness and availability of accounting or financial services for small businesses.
- Small Business Journalist of the Year:** Journalists representing television, radio, electronic or print media who report and champion small business issues.
- Home-Based Business Champion of the Year:** Has experienced the rewards and difficulties of home-based businesses and has volunteered to improve the climate for these businesses.

San Diego Local Awards – *must be in business 3 or more years (not judged at state or national level)*

- Women-Owned Small Business of the Year:** Women who own and operate or bear principle responsibility for operating a small business.
- Minority-Owned Small Business of the Year:** Ethnic minorities who own and operate or bear principle responsibility for operating a small business.
- Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year:** Veterans who own and operate or bear principle responsibility for operating a small business.

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Award Category _____

I Nominate * _____

Title _____

Company/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____ Email _____

(Only if checked frequently)

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Nominator Name _____

Title _____

Company/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____ Email _____

(Only if checked frequently)

Please fax both sides to **(619) 557-5894** or mail this form **A.S.A.P. to:**

**U.S. Small Business Administration, Attn: Cyndi Harris
550 West C Street, Suite 550
San Diego, CA 92101-3500**

For more information, please contact: Cyndi Harris at (619) 727-4884 or email: Cynthia.harris@sba.gov. Feel free to copy this form for additional nominations. **To**

compete, a FORMAL NOMINATION BINDER with detailed materials will need to be prepared and submitted for each category by November 14, 2008.

SBA will send details to the nominator.

Thanks for your support!

***YES! You may nominate yourself.**
