

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AWARDS 2010

NOMINATION CATEGORIES

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EXPORTER OF THE YEAR

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OF THE YEAR

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FINANCIAL SERVICES CHAMPION OF THE YEAR
HOME-BASED BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

To nominate a candidate and obtain more information about this program contact Sylvia Gutierrez at (714) 560-7454 or send an email to sylvia.gutierrez@sba.gov

District Nomination Deadline November 13, 2009

AWARD CATEGORIES

<u>SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR:</u> A business owner who has developed an outstanding, growing business and has overcome adversity, designed innovative product(s), created jobs, increased sales and profits and contributed to the community.

EXPORTER OF THE YEAR: A business owner who has significantly increased export sales and has encouraged other firms to export, increased employment through exports, and used innovative methods to create markets abroad.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR: Nominee will not reach a 30th birthday by June 1, 2008; he/she owns a majority interest in a small business with a successful business track record for at least three years, and the business demonstrates growth potential.

JEFFREY BUTLAND FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: Family owned and operated business which has been passed on from one generation to another. Nominees must also serve as a majority owner and operator or bear principal responsibility for operating the small business with at least 15 year-track record.

ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS: Individuals must own and operate businesses initially launched as small businesses according to SBA size standards and subsequently developed into large businesses; and they must have received SBA assistance to help the businesses grow.

SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION AWARDS: Champions are Advocates persons who use their professional expertise and talents in activities that promote small business. These pursuits include volunteering their time and services to small business interests, participating in small business groups and advocating the cause of small business in the legislative process.

MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR: Nominees must have worked to improve conditions in the minority business community.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR: Candidates must have worked to improve financial and business opportunities for women business owners as a group.

VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR: Nominees must have worked to increase business opportunities for veterans to own and prosper in small businesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES CHAMPION OF THE YEAR: Candidates will have assisted small businesses by increasing the usefulness and availability of accounting or financial services.

SMALL BUSINESS JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR: Nominees must have made concerted efforts within the news media to increase the public's understanding of the importance of small business to the nation's economy. Eliminated for 2010.

HOME-BASED BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR: Nominees must have owned or currently own a home-based business and will have volunteered to improve the climate for these businesses.

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