



2010 SELECTION CRITERIA

ABEX YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

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The Achievement for Business Excellence Award for Young Entrepreneur of the Year is awarded to an entrepreneur between the ages of 18-35 who has achieved success in the start-up and operation of a new or existing business. Eligible candidates must offer a product and/or service; have served at least ten customers; have long-term goals, as well as strategies to meet those goals; and, have demonstrated innovation by adapting to market place challenges resulting in a competitive advantage. Special consideration will be given to entrepreneurs who have displayed an innovative approach.

The following is a guide to assist you in your nomination.

Objectives

- Highlight instances where the nominee has been innovative and shown leadership.
- Be specific about the why the nominee started/ became involved in their business, be sure to highlight the market need they aim to fill.
- Explain the goals and strategies that have or will produce results for the nominee, focus on both long and short term activities.

Activities

- Clearly explain the product/ service being offered by the nominee and the revenues they generate from it. Indicate how results have matched expectations.
- Be as comprehensive as possible when describing the process through which the nominee developed their business. Be sure to illustrate how processes and resources are linked to long-term goals.
- Highlight when the nominee has played a leadership role in the industry and/or community (i.e. safety training, environmental efficiency, community contributions, etc.).

Additional Information

The following information is not mandatory.

- Letters of support reflecting the nominee's initiatives and achievements.
- Articles or other media pieces portraying the nominee's efforts.
- Any other materials (e.g. company reports) illustrating the nominees commitment to developing their business in Saskatchewan.

Helpful Hints

- Applicants are judged using a points system. Detailed answers typically trigger more points; therefore, make your application as complete as possible.
- Unanswered questions are awarded zero points; please ensure you have answered all the questions.
- The Selection Committee consists of individuals who will not be familiar with your business, please be clear about what you do and avoid the use of abbreviations and jargon.
- The judging criteria for all ABEX Awards takes into account the relative size of the business and the relative impact of their activities.

Questions?

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