

# 2010 SBA Small Business Award Nominations

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The SBA is accepting nominations for the 2010 West Virginia Small Business Person of the Year and other outstanding small business owners and champions. The categories and a brief description of each are contained on the nomination form which follows.

## There are two ways to submit nominations.

- (1) You can return just the attached nomination form (completed) to Rick Haney at: SBA, 320 W. Pike Street, Suite 330, Clarksburg, WV 26301, email [richard.haney@sba.gov](mailto:richard.haney@sba.gov), or fax it to 202-481-5158. If you choose this method, the form is due by **Friday, November 6, 2009**. We will then notify the nominee of their nomination and request they prepare a complete nomination package.
- (2) Or as a nominator, you can prepare the package for your nominee. Complete nomination packages are due by **Monday, November 30, 2009**. Visit our web site at [www.sba.gov/wv](http://www.sba.gov/wv) or contact Rick Haney at 304-623-7449 (email [richard.haney@sba.gov](mailto:richard.haney@sba.gov)) for guidelines and criteria for the category selected.

**NOTE:** A new category is announced for 2010, the **SBA Community/Rural Lender of the Year**. This award is for a lender that has exhibited an ongoing commitment to supporting the growth and expansion of small businesses not able to obtain financing on reasonable terms elsewhere. For more information about this new award or to submit a nomination package, call 304-623-7449 or email [richard.haney@sba.gov](mailto:richard.haney@sba.gov).

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Every year since 1963, the President has proclaimed National Small Business Week to recognize the contributions of small businesses to America's economy.

During Small Business Week, held May 24 thru May 26, 2010, the SBA will honor exceptional small business owners and champions in Washington D.C.

In West Virginia, we will celebrate the achievements of our state award winners with our annual Small Business Week Celebration in May of 2010.

## 2010 SBA SMALL BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Help us recognize outstanding small business leaders in the community.

These five awards are presented to individuals who own and operate their own business.

- Small Business Person\***: The most prestigious of all SBA awards. This award will be presented to an entrepreneur for developing an outstanding, growing business; innovative product(s), increasing jobs, increasing sales, overcoming adversity, and community contributions. (\*Financial criteria required)
- Small Business Exporter\***: Awarded to a small business owner who has significantly increased export sales and profits, encouraging other firms to export, increased jobs through exporting, and innovative methods of creating markets. (\*Financial criteria required)
- SBA Young Entrepreneur\***: Candidate must not have reached the age of 30 by June 1, 2010 to be eligible. Evidence of three (3) year success in sales, profits, increased jobs, innovative products, demonstrated entrepreneurial potential. (\*Financial criteria required)
- Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business\***: Family owned and operated business which has been passed from one generation to another. Nominees must also serve as a majority owner and operator or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business with at least a 15-year track record. (\*Financial criteria required)
- Entrepreneurial Success\***: Individuals meeting the following two criteria may be nominated. Must own and operate businesses initially launched as small businesses according to SBA size standards and subsequently developed into large businesses; and must have received SBA assistance to help the business grow. (\*Financial criteria required)

**Small Business Champion Awards:** These six awards are presented to individuals who promote small business, volunteer time and services to small business interest groups, advocate the cause of small business through legislation, or use their professional expertise to assist small business owners. Champions may or may not be small business owners.

- Financial Services Champion** - Assisting small business owners in obtaining financing, either directly or through advocacy efforts to increase the availability of financial services may be nominated.
- Home-based Business Champion** – Individuals who have experienced the rewards and difficulties of home-based businesses and have dedicated volunteer efforts to improve the climate for these businesses may be nominated.
- Minority Small Business Champion** - Advancing business ownership for minorities and fulfilling a commitment to supporting minority entrepreneurial development may be nominated.
- Veteran Small Business Champion** – Individuals who have fulfilled a commitment to advancing business opportunities for veterans of the U.S. armed forces may be nominated.
- Women in Business Champion** – Individuals who have fulfilled a commitment to the advancement of women’s business ownership may be nominated.
- Community/Rural Lender** – Lender that has exhibited an ongoing commitment to supporting the growth and expansion of small businesses that are not able to obtain financing on reasonable terms elsewhere.

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### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATOR’S INFORMATION

Nominator Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please reply by November 30, 2009 to (or fax 202-481-5158): **Small Business Awards Committee, U.S. Small Business Administration, West Virginia District Office, 320 W. Pike St., Suite 330, Clarksburg, WV 26301.** For more information, please call 304-623-7449 or email [richard.haney@sba.gov](mailto:richard.haney@sba.gov). Self-nominations will be accepted. This form may be duplicated. For further consideration, a nomination package with specific information will be requested. SBA will contact the nominee with details. Thank you for your support!