

Phoenix Awards

Phoenix Award for Small Business Disaster Recovery

Phoenix Awards are given to those individuals (business owners, volunteers and public officials) whose efforts and contributions have enabled their businesses or communities to recover successfully from a disaster. SBA will make Phoenix Awards at the National level.

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Who is eligible to be nominated for this award?

Any individual who owns and operates a small business or bears principal responsibility for operating a small business that suffered physical damage following a disaster during the previous fiscal year and received an SBA physical disaster loan may be nominated. Partners who jointly own and operate a small business may be nominated as a “team” so long as the number of individuals in the team nomination does not exceed four.

Who may submit nominations for this award?

Any individual or organization dedicated to the support of the small business community in the United States, including, but not limited to, trade and professional associations and business organizations, may submit nominations for this award. Individuals may not be nominated for more than one SBW 2014 award category. Individuals may self-nominate for this award.

Where are the nominations to be sent?

Nominations must be submitted in one of two ways:

1. Nominations may be submitted to the SBA Disaster Field Operations Centers in the state or territory where the business is located; or

2. Nominations may be submitted via the online nominations portal on

<http://nationalsmallbusinessweek.sba.gov>.

What are the evaluation/selection criteria for this award?

- 1) Recent disaster — Businesses that suffered a physical disaster loss and received an SBA disaster loan during fiscal years 2012 or 2013 are eligible for nomination. A business that suffered losses in a disaster that occurred during fiscal year 2011 but did not receive an SBA disaster loan until fiscal year 2012 is also eligible for nomination.
- 2) Resiliency — The business successfully resumed its operations within the same geographic area.
- 3) Extent of damage — The business suffered at least 40 percent physical damage.
- 4) Staying Power — The business was able to maintain at least 90 percent of its pre-disaster employment level or has plans to rehire employees.
- 5) Contribution to the local community (e.g., the only supermarket in town, a major source of employment in the city, etc.).
- 6) Speed of recovery.
- 7) Initiative and innovation displayed during recovery.
- 8) Efforts made by the business to protect the property from future disaster losses.