

2010 Massachusetts Young Entrepreneur of the Year

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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, to be held May 24 thru May 28, 2010, the SBA will honor exceptional small business owners and advocates in Washington, D.C.

In Massachusetts, we will celebrate the achievements of our state award winners with an event next year.

Who Qualifies?

Any individual who serves as a majority owner and operates or bears principal responsibility for operating a small business with a **three-year track record**, and **who will not have reached the age of 30 by June 1, 2010 may be nominated.**

Evaluation Criteria:

A complete nomination package must contain all of the following:

1. A single cover page with —
 - nominee's full name, title, business, home, e-mail and Web site addresses, telephone, fax number
 - award for which the nomination is being made;
 - nominator's name, title, place of business, business and e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers; and
 - a one-paragraph description of the nominee's business
2. A digital photograph of the nominee.
3. A nomination letter, not exceeding three pages.
4. A brief biography of the nominee.
5. Any other support documentation deemed significant by the nominator, including news clips, letters of recommendation, and other evidence of the suitability of the nomination. Support documentation must not exceed ten pages. Videos will not be considered.
6. A completed *Award Nomination Consent Form* (SBA Form 2137).
7. A completed *Award Nomination Form* (SBA Form 3300).

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In addition, the nomination package **must** address each of the following evaluation criteria separately with a narrative describing how the company meets or exceeds each of the elements.

8. Evidence of success as measured by sales and profits. (The nomination package must include profit-and-loss statements and balance sheets for the past three years.)
9. Increased employment opportunities created by the nominee's business.
10. Development and/or utilization of innovative or creative business methods.
11. Demonstrated entrepreneurial potential necessary for long-term business success and economic growth.

Note: The judges will score the nomination packages in this category by carefully reviewing elements 8 – 11.

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