



U.S. Small Business Administration

Since 1963, National Small Business Week and SBA have honored the outstanding spirit and accomplishments of small businesses across the nation who contribute so much to our communities, the economy and the American way of life.

### Entrepreneurial Success Award

Honors individuals who own & operate business that started out as small by SBA size standards and has, with the assistance of SBA, developed into a large business no longer eligible for SBA assistance

- Nominee must own and operate a business. Partners who jointly own a firm may be nominated as a team.
- Must have received some form of SBA Assistance while still small.
- All nominations must be signed and completed. SBA Form 1926 and Consent for Disclosure are required.

**Information forms with the completed nominations must be delivered no later than Nov 4, 2019 at 4:30 pm**

to the  
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# 2020 SBA Small Business Awards

## SBA ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS OF THE YEAR

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lead Owner(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
Up to 4 principals may be nominated & must complete required forms.

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** HI **Zip code** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAICS/Industry Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# Employees** \_\_\_\_\_

**Start operation (MMYYYY):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type (LLC/Corp):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Web address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation/Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide a brief one paragraph description of the small business:**

**Give a concise statement clearly describing the qualifications of this individual to be recognized with this award:**

**Type and date of SBA Assistance:** \_\_\_\_\_

This may include lending and govt. contracting support, training, and consulting with SBA, SBDC, SCORE, WBC, Export, VBOC, Emerging Leaders, etc.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SBA ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS OF THE YEAR**

Nominations will be evaluated by the following criteria:

Nominee's business must have met the SBA size standards for their industry at the time of SBA assistance and now EXCEED those standards. Please confirm eligibility by checking the NAICS for your nominee.

**Statement documenting the type(s) and amount(s) of SBA assistance received by the business and the year(s) in which it was received. Please comment on the impact of the assistance and include participation in any and all SBA programs and services:**

I. **Staying power:** A substantial history as an established business, including number of years in business, expansion, growth in net worth.

II. **Growth in number of employees; increased employment opportunities** created by nominee's business: A benchmark to judge the impact of the business on the job market. Please include current number of full-time and part-time employees.

III. **Evidence of success** as measured by increasing sales and profits. Please include gross revenues for the past three years:

	2016	2017	2018

(Profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the past three years will be required from the State winner.)

	2016	2017	2018
Total Assets			
Total Liabilities			
Revenues			
E.B.I.T.			
Net Worth			

Notes:

IV. **Innovativeness of product or service offered:** An illustration of the creativity and imagination of the business demonstrating its ability to remain competitive.

V. **Response to adversity:** Examples of problems faced by nominee's business and methods used to solve them.

VI. **Evidence of contributions to community-oriented projects:** While community involvement is essential for any business, regardless of size, the added resources of a larger business demand an even greater role in advancing the interests of the community and its people.

**Information Sheet**

The prestigious **SBA Small Business Awards** honor the outstanding small business men and women who demonstrate excellence and achievement. All nominees and nominees' businesses must comply with state and federal regulations regarding labor, immigration, civil rights, taxation, and other applicable regulations. SBA Form 1926 Nominee Background form must be completed, signed and submitted by each individual or team member nominated for an award.

**Any financial or other proprietary information provided as required for the nomination will be held in strict confidence by SBA and the selection committee.** The Hawaii District Office does not release this information to the public or the media. Selection committee members/judges are also vetted by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

**By submitting the completed nomination form, the nominee certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the information provided is correct and the business has complied with regulations, as stated above.**

Please note **that SBA will accept only one nomination per person or business entity within an award category.** If a duplicate nomination is received, the nomination submitted to HDO at the earliest time will be considered for the award. Individuals and **businesses may only be nominated in one award category** each year. **SBA winners who were honored in this award category prior to the 2017 awards (more than three years ago) may be nominated** if they continue to meet all criteria for eligibility for the award.

**Two headshots/portrait-type photographs and 5-6 colored photo images of the winner, their business operation, and at least one photo with/of their nominator will be required for publicity and the State Luncheon presentation.** The photos may be in digital format and **will be due in the District Office in early February 2020.**

Yes    No

       I would like my nomination to be reviewed and submitted for other small business awards that would recognize my achievements in business and community.

       Please contact me prior to submission.

**Nominator /Sponsor Acknowledgements with signatures:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_      2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Signature(s):**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_      2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received at SBA District Office on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.