



DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: NOVEMBER 7, 2008

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**BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION**

# NOMINATION FORM

## NOMINEE (note: can be either an individual or business):

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TOWN/CITY

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE:

IDENTITY:

FIRST NATION

MÉTIS

INUIT

COMPANY NAME:

COMPANY ADDRESS:

TOWN/CITY

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

WEBSITE:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE:

FAX:

## NOMINATOR:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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## CATEGORY

- Aboriginal Business of the Year Awards (Please select one)  
Businesses must be at least 51 per cent Aboriginal owned and operated.
- one-to-two person enterprise
  - two-to-ten person enterprise
  - 10 person or more enterprise
- Young Female Aboriginal Entrepreneur of the Year Award
- Young Male Aboriginal Entrepreneur of the Year Award
- Aboriginal Community-Owned Business of the Year Award  
Businesses must be 100 per cent community- owned to be eligible for this award.
- Aboriginal Joint Venture Business of the Year Award\*
- \*Joint Venture: If your business is entering in the Joint Venture award category please include the following information on the business with which you partner:

COMPANY NAME:

COMPANY ADDRESS:

TOWN/CITY

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

WEBSITE:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE:

FAX:

## CHECK LIST:

- ✓ Completed nomination form
- ✓ A Business Statement containing two sections (each section up to 250 words)  
**Section one:** an explanatory statement on the nature of your business  
**Section two:** an overview of your business
- ✓ Two reference letters from individuals who can describe the impact and value of your business
- ✓ Optional supporting documents – up to five additional pages of further testimonials, career resume, certificates, media coverage may be submitted in the nomination package

## BUSINESS STATEMENT

### SECTION ONE: NATURE OF BUSINESS

*Number of employees:*

*Number of Aboriginal employees:*

*Revenue (It would be useful to provide information on revenue over the past two years):*

*Number of years in operation:*

*Please explain the nature of your nominee's or your business in as much detail as possible so the judges can understand the business and evaluate the submission guided by the viability, sustainability and competitiveness of the business (up to 250 words).*

## BUSINESS STATEMENT

### SECTION TWO: OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS

*Briefly explain your nominee's or your business, describing its influences and challenges including a description of its organizational environment and relationships. We expect entrants to be good corporate citizens with accomplishments in areas such as environmental responsibility and sound employee relations where applicable (up to 250 words).*

*Please send your completed nomination package and all supporting documents to:*

**THE BC ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARDS**

*The British Columbia Achievement Foundation  
c/o 6209 Angus Drive,  
Vancouver, BC  
V6M 3P2*

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*Deadline for Submissions: November 7, 2008*



## AWARD CATEGORIES

### **THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARDS**

The British Columbia Aboriginal Business Awards celebrate the accomplishments of the province's Aboriginal business sector and their contribution to the economy of British Columbia.

In their inaugural year, these awards will honour business acumen in seven categories. An independent jury of Aboriginal business experts will review the nominations and select the recipients in accordance with the awards' criteria. The awards will be presented at a Gala Event in January 2009, celebrating the substantial and growing role of Aboriginal business in our province.

All Aboriginal people involved in business in British Columbia should consider entering these awards. Whether you are a small business owner or a sole proprietor running a business out of your home, managing a large staff of a community-owned enterprise or creating opportunities through a joint venture agreement, or you are growing a business from the ground up as an entrepreneur, these awards will recognize and celebrate your achievements.

The award categories allow for the unique strengths and diversity within the business community and recognize motivation, focus and achievable goals. The BC Aboriginal Business Award recipients will serve as an example of excellence and inspiration while showcasing best practices to be shared amongst all business people, whether they are those already involved in business or those considering a business career.

### **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Businesses must be at least 51 per cent Aboriginal-owned and operated.

The Business of the Year Award recognizes business achievement and celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit in three categories:

- I a one-to-two person enterprise
- II a two-to-10 person enterprise
- III a 10 or more person enterprise

### **YOUNG FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR**

### **YOUNG MALE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR**

The Young Entrepreneur Award recognizes achieved success in the start-up and operation of a new or existing business. Entrants must be under 30 and awards will be presented to both a male and female youth entrepreneur of the year.

### **JOINT VENTURE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Joint Venture Award promotes and celebrates efforts that contribute to the economic well-being of the area; increase the employment of Aboriginal people; provide learning or training opportunities to Aboriginal people and businesses; and show a commitment to the community in which they operate. The joint venture can be with either an Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal partner.

### **COMMUNITY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Businesses must be 100 percent community-owned to be eligible for this award.

Community-owned ventures have become a model for economic development in many communities throughout the province. This award will recognize the leadership and celebrate the contribution this unique business undertaking has made to capacity building and strong economic foundations in British Columbia's Aboriginal communities and the wider economy.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- All nominees must be Aboriginal people or businesses (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit).
- Entrants may self-submit or be nominated. Individuals are welcome to nominate themselves for a BC Aboriginal Business Award or be nominated by a second party.
- You may enter only one category.
- Please ensure that if you are nominating a business or a business person for an award that you have the business' or business person's approval for the nomination
- If unsuccessful, an entrant may apply again the next or future years. Past award recipients may only submit a nomination after five years have passed.
- Non-profit or charitable groups, government agencies and institutions are not eligible for these awards.

### **AWARD CRITERIA**

The jury panel will evaluate submissions guided by the viability, sustainability and competitiveness of your business.

### **WHY NOMINATE/PARTICIPATE IN A BC ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARD?**

In British Columbia's competitive and changing marketplace, it is important to focus on ways to set your business apart from the rest. The role of Aboriginal business in our provincial economy needs to be profiled and celebrated. Winning a BC Aboriginal Business Award can benefit your business' internal and external operations in the following ways:

- Recipients of these awards are honoured at a high profile awards gala and featured in a video presentation and souvenir program distributed widely throughout the province.

- Being recognized by your peers from all over British Columbia will position your business, small or large, as a leader to current and potential customers, as well as to your employees and the community at large.
- A great morale booster for employees, providing opportunity for their efforts to be formally recognized.
- Preparing the nomination provides an occasion to take stock of your goals and objectives, providing a measure to evaluate your progress.

#### **HOW DO I ENTER THE BC ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARDS?**

Please complete a nomination form and send along with the following:

- A two-part business statement including the nature and overview of your business.
- Two reference letters from individuals who can describe the impact and value of your business
- Optional supporting documents – up to five additional pages of further testimonials, career resume, certificates, media coverage may be submitted in the nomination package.

#### **SELECTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS**

An independent panel of judges representing Aboriginal business expertise throughout British Columbia will adjudicate the BC Aboriginal Business Awards. The judges' panel will be solely responsible for the review, evaluation and selection of award-recipients and their selection will be final.

#### **AWARD RECOGNITION**

In January 2009, award recipients will attend a gala ceremony in Vancouver and receive a commemorative honour marking the inaugural presentation of the British Columbia Aboriginal Business Awards.

#### **PRIVACY POLICY**

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation is committed to protecting the privacy of people through responsible management of information received. Submissions are confidential between the submittor and the awards' program. To view the complete privacy policy, visit [www.bcachievement.com](http://www.bcachievement.com) or call the office for a copy.



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## **BRITISH COLUMBIA ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION**

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation was established and endowed by the Province of British Columbia in 2003 to celebrate excellence and achievement in the arts, humanities and community service. As well as the BC Aboriginal Business Awards, the Foundation offers the BC Community Achievement Awards, the BC Award for Canadian Non-Fiction, the BC Creative Achievement Awards, the BC Creative Achievement Awards for Aboriginal Art and the BC Achievement Foundation Award for Early Literacy.

The inaugural British Columbia Aboriginal Business Awards have been made possible through the sponsorship and initiative of the British Columbia Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

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