

SCORE Awards **A Celebration of Excellence of America's Small Businesses**

The SCORE Awards—is a celebration of excellence in America's small businesses. The SCORE Awards will serve as the pre-eminent distinction in honoring and supporting small business in the U.S., providing a unique celebration of the people and companies that have demonstrated unique vision, innovation and achievement in support of America's small businesses.

The SCORE Awards is a fully produced, annual event – equal parts ceremony, celebration and entertainment. Net revenues from the event will go to support the SCORE Foundation and its programs, a 501(c)3 non profit, tax ID number 52-1962712.

The 2009 SCORE Awards program will be held Thursday, September 17, 2009, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC.

SCORE Awards Selection Process

- The SCORE Foundation esteemed panel of judges will consider nominations received for each of the listed categories and has the discretion to consider nominations of their own recommendation.
- Selections are made based upon the comparison of data submitted against the description of each award.
- If, in the ruling of the review panel judges, no candidates or nominees meet the eligibility requirements or standards for a select award, an award may not be given.
- Only one award per year will be awarded in each category.
- Nominations of candidates not selected for the current year may resubmit in a subsequent year for consideration.
- Each final nominee selected in accordance with these procedures may be requested to provide additional information and must indicate a willingness to accept the award in-person at the September 17, 2009 presentation ceremony.

About SCORE and SCORE Foundation

SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" is a non-profit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. The SCORE Awards are hosted by the SCORE Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization that helps to advance and accelerate the mission of SCORE. SCORE is headquartered in Herndon, VA and Washington, DC and has 370 chapters throughout the United States and its territories, with 12,400 volunteers nationwide. Both working and retired executives and business owners donate time and expertise as business counselors. SCORE is America's premier source of free and confidential small business advice for entrepreneurs.

We invite your nomination of individuals and small businesses that exemplify dedication to the highest standards for the 2009 SCORE Awards.

2009 SCORE Awards Call for Nominations

Nominations for the 2009 SCORE Awards may be submitted by any member of SCORE or supporter of the SCORE Foundation. Self-nomination is encouraged. **Please check only one category for each submission.** Each submission must be on a separate entry form. There is no cost for entry. To submit multiple entries, you may photocopy this form, download copies from the SCORE Foundation web site at www.scorefoundation.org or request additional copies at (703) 506-2015.

A. Award Category Information

Companies:

- Outstanding Minority-Owned Small Business
- Outstanding Small Business Launch by an Individual aged 50+
- Outstanding Veteran-Owned Small Business
- Outstanding Woman-Owned Small Business
- Outstanding Socially-Progressive Small Business

Individuals:

- Corporate Small Business Supporter of the Year
- Corporate Small Business Advocate of the Year
- United States Senate Small Business Champion Award
- United States House Small Business Champion Award
- Lou Campanelli Award – Outstanding Individual Volunteerism and Support of Small Business and SCORE

Please **TYPE or PRINT** clearly all requested information. Make sure all information is complete.

B. Entry Information

Nominee: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

C. Primary Contact (during entry and notification process)

Name and Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

I have confirmed that the nominee or designee can participate in the presentation of awards on September 17, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt Washington, DC.

D. Description

In addition to this entry form, supporting information and collateral may be attached, limited to three (3) pages. Information demonstrating the nominee/s exceptional contribution to and support of America's small business as defined in the entry form should be submitted. The committee is especially interested in demonstrations of successful small business-corporate partnerships, so any collateral highlighting successful vendor relationships or other corporate support of small businesses is welcomed.

E. Supporting Collateral

Attach a copy of any and all supplemental material or documentation relating to the program or service, including planning documents and videos, DVDs, etc.; a sample or description of the entry; marketing or promotional materials, etc.

All nominations must be received by the SCORE Foundation no later than March 31, 2009.
Late submissions will be considered solely at the discretion of the Awards Judges.

The SCORE Awards ~ SCORE Foundation
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