ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

19th Annual Innovator Awards Luncheon
September 25, 2019 11:30am - 1:30pm

GWATA is Seeking Nominations for the Entrepreneur of the Year Award

At the 19th Annual Innovator Awards Luncheon, over 350 leaders in business and education will come together to celebrate entrepreneurship, technology, innovation, and education. During the luncheon, awards in five different categories will be presented to innovators from around North Central Washington. Do you know an entrepreneur who is demonstrating exceptional leadership and vision for a business, service, or product? GWATA is seeking nominations for this year’s Entrepreneur of the Year Award!

Entrepreneurs are people with vision and the ability to see a need and fill it. They have the courage to make change and the stamina to await results. This individual will have displayed exceptional vision, leadership and innovation in building a new company, developing a new product or service, or have creatively developed a way to deliver an existing product or service to the marketplace.

Past winners for Entrepreneur of the Year come from a variety of industries. Recent winners include:
- 2018 - Kevin Cox and Kyle Cox, Coaxsher
- 2017 - Dave Carlson, Giga Watt
- 2016 - Tyler & Jessica Russell, Tumbleweed Shop and Studio
- 2015 - Jeff & Leanne Kurpuis, Orchard Corset
- 2014 - Tony Freytag, CrunchPak

A panel of judges from the community will select the finalists. Judges will evaluate:
- Demonstration of entrepreneurial attributes
- Uniqueness of the product or service
- Level of innovation
- Success of the venture and future potential
- Contribution to the local economic base

Terms:
- Nominations are open from May 17 - July 26, 2019. Nominations can be submitted by mail, email, or online.
- Nominees must be an individual or business based in Chelan, Douglas, Grant or Okanogan counties.
- Nominees can be multi-state corporate entities but must have local headquarters operations.
- Individuals can nominate themselves or own company.
- Our most recent winners (2014-2018) are not eligible for the award.
- All qualified nominees will be announced during the GWATA Summer Social on August 1.
- All qualified nominees will be recognized through GWATA media outlets.
- The top three finalists will be showcased and recognized at the Innovator Awards Luncheon on September 25, 2019. The top three finalists will receive 2 complimentary tickets each.
- The winner will be announced live at the Innovator Award Luncheon and will receive: One-year business membership to GWATA, 2 minute video on their business, featured at a Tech Talk & Happy Hour event, interview on GWATA TV, opportunity for a feature in the bi-annual GWATA newsletter, and complimentary tickets to a variety of GWATA events in 2019
- All nominees are encouraged to attend the luncheon.

Please contact GWATA for more information: 509-661-9000 or info@gwata.org

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You can also fill this out online at www.gwata.org/innovators
Submission Deadline: July 26, 2019

Nominee(s) Name: ______________________________________________________________

Business Name:_________________________________________________________________

Nominee Phone & Email: _________________________________________________________

Nominee Website:   _____________________________ Year Business Started:______________

What company or product did the nominee create and develop? Why was it successful?
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What is the need for this innovative product or service? What impact has this company,
product, or service had on our local economy?
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Personal testimony: Why are you nominating this person? Why do you feel they are the Entrepreneur of the year?
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You are encouraged to attach publications, photos, and video to support your nomination. Incomplete applications will be not considered.

Your Information

Name_________________________________________________________________________

Email_________________________________________________________________________

Phone ________________________________________________________________________

Submit your nomination today - Applications due July 26
Mail: 285 Technology Center Way, Suite 133, Wenatchee, WA 98801
Email: info@gwata.org
Online: www.gwata.org/innovators