FUTURE TECHNOLOGY LEADER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM
(for students enrolled in a K-12 school)

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

GWATA is Seeking Nominations for the
Future Technology Leader 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 a student who is excelling in technology at an elementary, middle, or high school level? GWATA is seeking nominations for this year’s Future Technology Leader of the Year Award!

K-12 students will be recognized for innovative projects in technology. The project does not have to be exclusive to technology – but technology should play a dominant role. Student-led projects are preferred but teacher-led initiatives will be considered if the technology project is innovative, unique, and the student(s) participated in a hands-on, experiential manner. The winner will demonstrate potential for success through leadership, learning, and technology skills.

Recent winners of the Future Technology Leader award include:
2018 - Team FBI (VEX Robotics team), Foothills Middle School
2017 - Moses Lurbur, Wenatchee High School
2016 - Theo Marshall, Wenatchee High School
2015 - Ethan Toth, Wenatchee High School
2014 - Alex Albert, Foothills Middle School

A panel of judges from the community will select the finalists. Judges will evaluate each project on these areas:
• Student Initiative
• Student Leadership
• Project Innovation
• Real-life Application
• Technical Elements

Terms:
• Nominations are open from May 17 - July 26. Nominations can be submitted by mail, email, or online.
• Nominees must be currently enrolled at a school district in Chelan, Douglas, Grant or Okanogan counties, or graduated during the 2018-19 year.
• Individuals or teams of students may be nominated. Students can nominate themselves.
• Students will be evaluated based on their engagement in a technology-rich project.
• 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 luncheon and will receive a cash award with a minimum value of $250.
• 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: ______________________________________________________________

Grade and School:_______________________________________________________________

Nominee(s) Phone & Email: ____________________________________________________

Nominee’s Teacher Name, Phone, Email: __________________________________________

Nominee’s Parent Name, Phone, Email:____________________________________________

Please explain the following (feel free to attach additional pages):

• Why is this project innovative?
• What leadership role did the student(s) play?
• Describe the potential real-life application of the project.
• What technology or technical skills were employed in the completion of this project?

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Personal testimony: Why are you nominating this student(s)? Why do you feel they are a Future Technology Leader?

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You may 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
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Online: www.gwata.org/innovators