



METROPOLITAN STATE
COLLEGE of DENVER

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented by

The Community Financial Services Association of America

NOMINATION FORM

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award Presented by The Community Financial Services Association of America has been created to showcase emerging and established entrepreneurs from Metro State College. The award recognizes entrepreneurs who have successfully started and maintained businesses that have positively impacted the community through job creation, innovation, philanthropy and/or eco-friendliness.

DEADLINES

- Nomination Deadline: **Friday, April 2, 2010**
- Finalists Announced: **Friday, April 9, 2010**
- Winners Announced: **Thursday, April 15, 2010**

Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony. Attendance is open to all nominees and their guests.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS

- Students are enrolled full-time or part-time,
- Student businesses must have at least three customers,
- Alumni entrants must have graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver and have helped to start an organization that has been in business at least two years,
- Nominees should save the date of the awards ceremony. Finalists will be announced by Friday, April 9, 2010. **Finalists MUST attend the awards ceremony.**

WINNERS

- One student entrepreneur and one alumni entrepreneur will be selected as Entrepreneurs of the Year Presented by The Community Financial Services Association of America. CFSA will award a \$1000 scholarship to the student entrepreneur and a \$500 cash award to the alumni entrepreneur.

INSTRUCTIONS

You may nominate yourself or someone else, and we invite all nominees and nominators to attend the awards ceremony planned for **April 15, 2010** at **6:00pm** at **Auraria Campus Tivoli Turnhalle**.

Fill out the below information and questions completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered. When finished, please submit this form as an attachment in an email sent to csciaca@mscd.edu. Please write **“ENTYEAR Awards Nominee”** in the subject line.

Thank you, and good luck!



BACKGROUND

Full Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Category (circle the appropriate category): Student Alumni

Student ID # (if student nomination):

Self-nomination? Yes No

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Company Name:

Nominee Current Title:

Company overview/vision/mission:

Number of employees:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

URL:

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Year(s) of graduation:

College(s):

Major(s):

Degree(s):

Please answer the following questions, numbered and in order, below. Please adhere to all maximum word allotments. Applications that do not follow word maximums will not be considered.

1. Why should the Nominee receive the award? (max 200 words)
2. Describe the impact on the community the organization has had. (max 200 words)
This can include, but is not limited to: employment opportunities provided, charitable donations made, volunteer hours logged, products or services that add value, or general company profitability.
3. If the Nominee's company has formed relationships with community organizations (through donations or volunteers) please describe that relationship here. (max 150 words)
4. What has been the greatest obstacle the Nominee had to overcome in making the business successful? How did you overcome it? (max 200 words)
5. Describe one or more innovative business practices the Nominee utilizes. How do these practices contribute to the business' success? (max 150 words)