AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

The Eastern Kentucky University College of Business and Technology, the Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation, The Center for Rural Development, and Southeast Economic Development (SKED) Corporation have partnered to promote and honor excellence in entrepreneurship in the Eastern and Southern Kentucky region. Nominations are accepted from individuals and community organizations. Individuals and organizations may also self-nominate. Nominees must reside or have their business/organization located in one or more of the 55 counties in Eastern and Southern Kentucky depicted on the Geographical Area Map.

Selection of award finalists and award winners is determined by a committee of partner representatives and selected external stakeholders. The awards are presented annually at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY.

Award Categories

For-profit Business	Start-up Business	Not-for-profit Entity	Young Entrepreneur
(in existence 5 or more years)	(in existence less than 5 years)	(in existence at least 6 months)	(25 years old or younger as of June 5, 2014)

Award Criteria

Excellence in Entrepreneurship for any category is determined by satisfying one or more of the following criteria:

Economic Success of enterprise *as measured by*:
- Growth
- Financial Strength
- Workforce

Contribution to the community *as measured by*:
- Service to Community Organizations
- Leadership of Community Efforts
- Grant Funding Acquired
- Financial Support of Community Programs

Operational Achievement *as measured by*:
- Innovative Business Practices
- Superior Safety Achievement
- Superior Use of Technology

Nomination forms must be received on or before **June 5, 2014**. Nominees will be contacted for more detailed information.
Nomination forms may be accessed online at http://www.eiea.eku.edu.

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