



2011 South Kitsap Small Business of the Year Award

Purpose: Designed to recognize local small businesses' dedication, innovation, entrepreneurial spirit, exceptional business achievement and outstanding commitment to our community.

Eligibility:

- Businesses employing less than 30 fulltime employees.
- Must be locally owned and privately held (Institutional facilities, non-profit organizations, regional offices and franchisees are not eligible).
- Must be a member in good standing with the Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce.
- Business must be in operation for a minimum of two successive years.
- Businesses that provide a current member to the Port Orchard Chamber Board of Directors will not be eligible for consideration.
- The business must engage in business activity within the Port Orchard/South Kitsap community.

Criteria to be Considered for Selection –The Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will consider the following criteria when selecting the winner. Nominees do not need to meet all of the criteria.

- Contributions to employment and excellence in employment relations.
- Practices exemplary business conduct and responds positively to adversity in business.
- Excellence in community relations and aid to community projects.
- Involvement in professional, business and trade associations.
- Proven business achievement including increase in sales and/or unit volume.
- Demonstrated outstanding customer service.
- Proven marketing and promotional achievement.
- Product innovation and technological advancement.
- Strong business or management philosophy.

Nomination Process: Award nominations can be made by the general public. The award winner is selected by members of the Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. **Please fill out the attached nomination form and return to the Chamber.** Nominations must be received by the Chamber office at 1014 Bay St. #8, Port Orchard WA 98366, no later than **by 4:00pm September 21st, 2011.**

Acknowledgement: Award recipient will be acknowledged and feted at the annual Chamber Fundraising Dinner and Installation Banquet, which includes one complimentary dinner; receive a plaque from the Chamber; featured in the Chamber's November E-newsletter; highlighted on the Chamber's website; and featured in local media releases.