

**Young Entrepreneur of the Year**

**ABEX Award**

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Applicants must fill out **all three sections** (Applicant Information, Financial Information and Application Authorization), and include with these application materials the **business’ logo** in high-resolution JPG or AI format, and **12-18 high-quality photos** to be included in the Finalist Video, should the Applicant be chosen as a Finalist. Photos must be 300 dpi minimum, size at least 350 kb, in order to be used. Applications must be typed (not handwritten) taking care to showcase your business. Take time to proofread your materials carefully; these will form the basis for judging, and will be used to create Finalists’ applicant descriptions in the program, and Finalist Videos. Use the Applicant Checklist on the last page of this application package before you send the application. Be sure to answer all questions to the best of your ability; incomplete applications may be disqualified.

Materials may be uploaded to Dropbox or Google Drive and shared via a link to [ABEX@saskchamber.com](mailto:ABEX@saskchamber.com), or put onto a USB drive and dropped at or sent to: ABEX Applications, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, 1630-1920 Broad Street, Regina S4P 3V2 on or before the deadline of **June 29, 2018.**

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| SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | |
| Name of company applying: | | |  | | | | | | |
| Address | | |  | | | | | | |
| City |  | | | | Postal Code | |  | | |
| Telephone | |  | | | Fax | |  | | |
| Company President | |  | | | | | | | |
| Number of Employees | |  | | Head office location | | | |  | |
| Years in operation | |  | | Website | |  | | | |
| Correspondent for this application and all ABEX information (Name) | | | | | | | |  | |
| Title |  | | | | Phone | | |  | |
| Email |  | | | | \*\* Birth date of applicant: | | | |  |
| Facebook |  | | | | Twitter | | | |  |

*\*\* Must be 18-35 as at Oct. 20, 2018 to qualify for this award.*

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| GENERAL INFORMATION |

1. Provide a 50 word description of your company (when it was started, what it does, how long you’ve owned it, etc.)
2. Provide a description (100 word/600 character maximum) that best describes why you, as an entrepreneur, deserve this award. *This will be used verbatim in the ABEX Gala program, the ABEX vignette and also given to the judging committee and distributed in ABEX promotional pieces should your company become a finalist. Please take the time required to best represent your company, keeping in mind that this WILL be published. Companies submitting applications in more than one category must submit separate and different descriptions tailored to each category.*

*This description should be written in the 3rd person – avoid I, we, ours.* [*Click here*](http://96bda424cfcc34d9dd1a-0a7f10f87519dba22d2dbc6233a731e5.r41.cf2.rackcdn.com/saskchamber/amex/100_Word_Examples_for_ABEX_Nominees.pdf) *for an example of what this might look like*

1. Describe why you feel this applicant deserves the ABEX Award for Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Please discuss how the applicant’s business concept is innovative and resourceful, and indicate what inspired the applicant to start their business or keep working at their business.
2. Describe the long-term goals and strategies the applicant has employed in maintaining the operation of their business and the strategies to meet those goals.
3. Describe the products/services offered by the applicant that earns the business revenue, and describe how the product or service fills a real need.
4. Describe what processes or resources were used by the applicant to develop their business idea and how they were used, including advertising and outside professional advisors.
5. What communities does the applicant’s business serve? What has the applicant done to develop a good understanding of clients and communities?
6. How has the applicant applied the concept of Corporate Social Responsibility, described as a “company’s commitment to conduct business in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner”?
7. Describe additional awards, honours, recognition and/or accomplishments of the applicant.
8. Does the company have a safety plan? Please attach electronic safety plan if possible, or at minimum, the index to show what the plan covers. *(Not sure what’s in a safety plan?* [*Click here*](http://96bda424cfcc34d9dd1a-0a7f10f87519dba22d2dbc6233a731e5.r41.cf2.rackcdn.com/saskchamber/documents/SafetyPlan2013.pdf) *for assistance)*

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| Yes |  | No |  |

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| SECTION 2: FINANCIAL INFORMATION |

Financial success is an important criterion in recognizing business excellence. In order to assist the jury in the selection of the ABEX Award winners, you are encouraged to submit any financial information that would demonstrate the success of the business.

**NOTE: Companies who do not include financial information typically score lower in judging and are less likely to become a finalist.**

Also, finalists in various categories may be contacted by our independent evaluators, Cogent Chartered Professional Accountants LLP, to provide certain financial data that would assist in determining the financial stability of your business. **All information is treated in a strictly confidential manner.**

**SALES** (*for the last three years):*

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| *2017* | *2016* | *2015* |
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**DETAILS OF RANGE OF ACTIVITIES**

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| Types of Products or Services | % of Total Sales/Revenue |
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**Please enclose PDFs of any documents (brochures, folders, annual reports) that the company has published describing its activities, interests, etc. which you feel would enhance your application.**

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| SECTION 3: APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION |

Please print, sign and scan this page; or use a digital signature to complete it, and return with the other sections of the application.

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| Application submitted by |  | | |
| Applicant’s signature |  | Date |  |
| Authorized by |  | | |
| Position |  | | |
| Signature |  | Date |  |

*\*\* All third-party applications must be approved by an authorized representative of the applicant company.*

Did your local chamber of commerce or a professional organization encourage you to submit this application?

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|  | Local Chamber of Commerce (name): |  |
|  | Sask Chamber board or staff (name): |  |
|  | Professional Organization (name): |  |
|  | Other business (name): |  |

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

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|  | Filled out all questions in Section 1, adhering to word limits in Q. 1 & 2 |
|  | Answered all Section 2 questions, and provided supporting financial documents as required |
|  | Included your safety plan |
|  | Provided social media information on all social media channels |
|  | Provided applicant’s and authorized signatures |
|  | Included your high-resolution .AI or .JPG logo |
|  | Provided 12-18 high quality JPG photos (min. 350 kb, 300 dpi) |
|  | Had the materials proofed by two people |
|  | Put all materials in folder with your company’s name and award name (i.e. ACME Trucking Service Award) |
|  | Materials put onto USB and sent or uploaded via DropBox or Google Drive |