

# *Nominations are now open for Aroostook's Entrepreneur of the Year Award - 2010*

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Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development  
and Momentum Aroostook

## *Supported by:*

Husson University  
Northern Maine Community College  
University of Maine at Fort Kent  
University of Maine at Presque Isle



## **Purpose:**

*Aroostook's Entrepreneur of the Year Award* is designed to recognize the achievements of Entrepreneurs that reside in and have excelled in a business venture in Aroostook County. The award will be presented annually by Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development (LEAD) and Momentum Aroostook to encourage entrepreneurship in The County.

## **Who is eligible:**

Individuals who own, operate, or are involved in a partnership in a for-profit or not-for-profit enterprise in Aroostook County.

## **Selection Process:**

Nominations for the award will be sought from community members annually. Nominees from prior year(s) that were not selected as Entrepreneur of the Year are eligible for re-submission. The nomination form will be released during the last week in February (National Entrepreneurship Week). Deadline for nominations will be April 5th.

A panel of six judges, one each representing the sponsor organizations (LEAD and Momentum Aroostook) and the supporting organizations (Husson University, Northern Maine Community College, the University of Maine at Fort Kent and the University of Maine at Presque Isle) will meet between April 5 and April 23 to adjudicate the applications.

At that point, it will be determined whether or not the pool of candidates warrants the naming of three top finalists for the award or selecting the award winner from the nominees. Should the committee elect to proceed with the three top finalists, additional information will be solicited from the finalists and an interview with the committee will be scheduled for each finalist before May 14, the deadline for the judges to make their decision.

The names of the three finalists will be released to the media in advance of the Awards event co-hosted by LEAD and Momentum Aroostook. The recipient of *Aroostook's Entrepreneur of the Year Award* will be announced at the event, May 27th. The two other honorees (should there be three finalists) will also be recognized.



## Timeline:

- February 18** - Media Advisory issued inviting media to February 24 Press Conference
- February 23** - **Nomination Form posted on LEAD and Momentum Aroostook Websites and printed copies made available through supporting organizations**  
 - 9:00 a.m. Press Conference at NMDC to announce *Aroostook's Entrepreneur of the Year Award* Concept and launch application period (to coincide with National Entrepreneurship Week)
- February 23 – April 5** - **Nomination submission period**  
 - Sponsors and supporting organizations identify and name representative to serve on selection panel (LEAD, Momentum, Husson, NMCC, UMFK, UMPI)
- April 5 - April 23** - Selection panel meets to review nominations and selects top three finalists or identifies one honoree  
*(this step assumes three finalists are identified)*
- April 24 – May 14** - Finalists complete detailed application and sit down interview with panel.  
 - Panel makes decision and holds on announcement until LEAD/Momentum Aroostook award event.
- May 17** - Press release issued announcing LEAD/Momentum Aroostook award event complete with bios and photos of three *Aroostook's Entrepreneur of the Year Award* finalists
- May 27** - Finalists and award recipient honored at LEAD/Momentum Aroostook event.

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## **2010 Official Nomination Form**



### **Information on Nominee:**

Name of person being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Current position held by nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Work history - i.e. what companies and/or positions has the individual held throughout their career (to the extent known):**

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**List the known accomplishments of the individual being nominated:**

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**List any known community/civic involvement of the individual nominated:**

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**List any known awards or honors received by the individual:**

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**Contact Information for Person Making Nomination:**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to person being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 5, 2010**

**SEND COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS TO:**

**LEAD Entrepreneur of the Year Award**

**Attn: Linda Smith**

**PO Box 1262**

**Presque Isle, ME 04769**

**( If you would prefer to submit a nomination via Fax or email,  
please call 764-0007 for information.)**