JA South Western Ontario

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Call for Innovator Award Nominations 2027

Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement (JA) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to educating and inspiring young people about business and entrepreneurship. The JA experience helps young people discover leadership, entrepreneurial and workforce readiness skills so they can achieve their highest potential and future success as citizens in the global community.

JA can be found in more than 100 countries worldwide and is one of the world's largest non-profit organizations dedicated to educating young people about business, work readiness and entrepreneurship. JA has been recognized the world over for the invaluable contribution it has made in educating and shaping tomorrow's business leaders. JA Worldwide has been nominated for the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize, the third nomination in three years.

Since 1955, Junior Achievement in Canada has offered unique, hands-on learning opportunities to future business leaders.

Core Values and Mission

Mission
JA inspires and prepares young people to succeed in a global economy.

Values
- Believe in the boundless potential of young people
- Advocate for the impact of relevant, hands-on learning
- Teach principled, market-based economics and entrepreneurship that build a more sustainable world
- Approach our work with passion, honesty, integrity, and excellence
- Seek out diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and talents in our staff, volunteers, and boards to reflect the geographies and communities we serve
- Nurture the power of partnership and collaboration

Vision
A world in which young people have the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities.

Innovator Award Selection Criteria

This award will recognize those: Operating their business for 2-10 years, entrepreneurial in spirit, community focused (volunteerism, philanthropy, service above self), and contributing to the local economy. The Innovator is changing the landscape locally or has emerged in the local setting because of their work. The Innovator is an inspiration, full of energy, passionate about work, courageous, and a promoter of change and innovation in search of the greater good.

JA South Western Ontario seeks diverse candidates who represent the communities we serve, contributing to the greater good in tangible ways, and whose stories and achievements inspire the next generation.

Nominations will be compiled and presented for review by an independent selection committee.

INNOVATOR AWARD – NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS
Deadline: February 28, 2027

To nominate a candidate for the Innovator Award, please complete and return the nomination form included at the end of this package no later than **February 28, 2027.**

The following instructions must be completed in order for your nomination to be considered; incomplete nominations will not be considered.

1. **Using point form,** please describe how the candidate meets the following criteria:

   A. Innovation – Innovator's business will address an unmet need in their market
   B. Community Focused – Innovators will have demonstrated volunteerism, philanthropy, service above self, and contribute to the local economy
   C. Values – Innovators approach their work with passion, honesty, integrity and excellence

2. **A bio and/or updated curriculum vitae must be attached to your nomination.**

3. The submission of additional materials that support your nomination is encouraged. These could include:
   - Documentary support such as newspaper and magazine articles, or reference to journals, publications, and coverage in the electronic media
   - Awards, nominations for awards, participation in relevant competitions
   - Letters of support, including the names, titles, addresses and contact information of individuals that support this nomination (individual or corporate)

4. The selected nominee **must** agree to be present at the London & District Business Hall of Fame Gala held on October 26, 2027.

5. Please send completed nomination forms and accompanying material to:

   Attention: JA South Western Ontario
   15 Wharncliffe Road North
   London, Ontario, N6H 2A1

   Or by email to:
   info@jaswo.org

2027 Innovator Award Nomination Form
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Full Name of **NOMINEE**:

Is the nominee aware that you have nominated them? Yes ☐ No ☐

Company/Organization:

Contact Address:

Telephone: Email:

Full Name of **NOMINATOR**:

Company/Organization:

Contact Address:

Telephone: Email:

* please note: this information will be kept strictly confidential

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Please provide a brief rationale (in point form). (Attach additional pages as needed, i.e. biography, career highlights, community involvement).

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Innovation:

Community Focused:

Values: