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Washington  
Family Business  
of the Year Awards

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**2008 WASHINGTON FAMILY BUSINESS AWARDS**

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## 2008 Washington Family Business of the Year Awards

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

You are invited to nominate one or more family business firms to be considered for the 2008 Washington Family Business of the Year Awards in the following categories:

- ♦ Small Business (under 50 employees)
- ♦ Medium Business (50–250 employees)
- ♦ Large Business (more than 250 employees)
- ♦ New Business (less than 10 years)
- ♦ Heritage Business (more than 50 years)

### THE AWARD CRITERIA ARE:

- ♦ Innovative business strategies and practices
- ♦ Planning for succession
- ♦ Expressing the family's values in the business
- ♦ Family-business linkage
- ♦ Contributions to the community and industry
- ♦ Number of generations involved (except for new firms)
- ♦ Business performance (growth and viability)

Nominees will be invited to submit a formal application for the awards. Applications will be judged by a panel of academic experts.

## The purpose of the Washington Family Business Awards is to:

- ♦ Recognize and honor the best in family business
- ♦ Educate family business leaders in changing issues related to family enterprise
- ♦ Help preserve and promote family enterprise within the Pacific Northwest
- ♦ Encourage family business owners to preserve their history and plan for the future

### RULES:

- ♦ A firm may be nominated by anyone, including employees and business associates. Self-nominations are encouraged.
- ♦ All family businesses headquartered in Washington are eligible.
- ♦ All nominations must be received by September 4, 2008. Nominees will be invited to complete a formal application for the awards.
- ♦ Applications must be received by September 24, 2008.
- ♦ Nominations will remain active for three years.

## Please nominate your choice for 2008 Washington Family Business of the Year

*(please copy this form for additional nominations or online at [www.plu.edu/~fament](http://www.plu.edu/~fament))*

### Nominee

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Owners or Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is the principal product or service? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your association with the family firm you have nominated? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

You are invited to join with us for the 2008 education forum and presentation of awards.

Please mark your calendar for:

**Washington Family Business Education Forum & Awards ♦ November 14, 2008**

**Waterfront Marriott ♦ Seattle, Washington**

All nominees and nominators will receive an invitation to the awards. Others interested such as family business members, professional service firms, family, and friends are welcome to attend.

To receive a formal awards program invitation in late September, please call PLU at (253) 535-7250, fax (253) 535-8723, or e-mail [fament@plu.edu](mailto:fament@plu.edu).