



NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FAMILY BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD & YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD 2021

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August 26, 2020 – The Family Business Association Vancouver Island (FBAVI) is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 Family Business Excellence (FBE) Award and the Young Entrepreneur Award. The FBE Award is given annually by FBAVI to recognize, celebrate and promote achievements of Vancouver Island family businesses and the considerable contribution they make to both their local communities and our national economy. The Young Entrepreneur Award recognizes an outstanding young leader in the family business. The recognition for both awards from the Vancouver Island family business community is an honour and a privilege.

Past FBE Awards recipients include: Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort; Proline Management; DriveWise BC; Titan Boats; Tru Value Foods; Wilson’s Transportation; Canada Homestay Network; Capital Iron; Country Grocer; McCall Gardens; Pacific Sands Resort; Robinson’s Outdoor Store; Monk Office and Accent Inns. The Young Entrepreneur award were given to Erin Boggs (2020); Andrew Wilson (2019) and Daisy Klaibert (2018).

Nominations will be accepted until **October 12, 2020**. The celebration gala will take place on February 24, 2021 at the Uplands Golf Club in Victoria, BC. The event will proceed on Zoom if COVID-19 restrictions prevent meeting in person.

Family Business Excellence Award Eligibility: An applicant must be a Vancouver Island-based “family-owned business”. A “Family Business” is defined as a business that has **one** of the following characteristics: 1) has been owned and operated by different generations of a family, or 2) where the potential exists for ownership to be passed on to another family member, or 3) more than one member of a family has active employment in an organization owned by a family.

Young Entrepreneur Award Eligibility: An applicant must be an individual 35 years of age or younger who has been involved in a family business on Vancouver Island for a minimum of three years.

Nominating a Family Business and a Young Entrepreneur:

To nominate a family business or young entrepreneur, (self-nominations are welcome) visit the FBAVI Website at www.familybusinessassociationvi.ca or contact Bernadine Rudichuk, Executive Director, at 250-532-2402 ~ info@fbavancouverisland.ca.

About FBAVI

FBAVI is an energetic and dynamic organization filled with knowledgeable family businesses and advisors to family businesses. For 20 years they have focused on providing relevant educational events and a framework for peer support groups, recognizing that the challenges of operating a family-owned business are unique. Opportunities to mix and engage with other family businesses is often exactly what is needed to overcome the challenges of running a family business. It’s a way to find inspiration, ideas and energy from like-minded people who appreciate the opportunity to learn from each other.

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