



AdvantageWest Economic Development Group  
**2010 Lone Eagle Entrepreneur of Excellence Award**  
Nomination Instructions

The prestigious **Lone Eagle Award**, now in its fifth year, is bestowed upon an outstanding entrepreneur in Western North Carolina. Past recipients have included David McConville of The Elumenati, specializing in immersive projection design; Tom Dempsey, CEO of Sylvan Sport mobile adventure gear; entrepreneurship educators Drs. JoAnn and James Carland; and Phil Drake, of Drake Software, one of the world's largest providers of software for the tax industry.

**Eligibility:**

- Exemplify the spirit of an entrepreneur by the following definition: A demonstrated willingness to accept a high level of personal, professional and financial risk in the pursuit of his/her business venture
- Obtained a moderate amount of success through the creation of their business product or service
- Demonstrated excellence and success in areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their business and communities
- Priority consideration will be given to entrepreneurs who have carved out a niche in a market that did not previously exist
- Entrepreneurial venture must be located in the [23-county AdvantageWest region](#).

**Format and What to Include:**

- Nominations should explain how the nominee demonstrates excellence in the above mentioned criteria.
- Nominations should be detailed and specific, providing examples of merit when possible.
- Nominations should include all basic information about the nominee, including address, phone, website, and county in the nominee it is based.
- Nominators should include full name, daytime phone number(s) and email address, in case there are questions or clarification is needed.

**Selection Process and Deadline for Entries:**

- Application forms must be received by April 30, 2010, emailed to Pam Lewis at [plewis@awnc.org](mailto:plewis@awnc.org).
- Applications will be reviewed by the Entrepreneurship Selection Committee.
- Awards will be given at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Carolina Connect Conference on May 13, 2010.
- Nominations will be held in confidence.

***For more information or if you have questions,  
please contact Pam Lewis at [plewis@awnc.org](mailto:plewis@awnc.org)***