



## Junior Achievement *Spirit of Entrepreneurship* Awards Nomination Criteria

Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado is seeking nominations for the first annual ***Spirit of Entrepreneurship Awards*** to be awarded at the 2020 Gala on May 16, 2020.

The ***Spirit of Entrepreneurship*** awards recognize local business leaders and entrepreneurs who have worked to positively impact the economic vitality of the Greater Colorado region with their bold ambition, dynamic vision, and unyielding work ethic as *Laureates* in this distinguished cohort.

Three laureates will be selected and nominees must have a track record of entrepreneurship in business growth and development. Defined as either starting, growing and sustaining a business that has had substantial community impact or assuming control of and growing an existing business with similar results.

- All nominees should currently or previously have lived and worked in one of the counties JA of SOCO serves, and epitomize three key standards of excellence:
  - **Impact** on their industry or organization.
  - **Integrity** as an ethical business leader.
  - A commitment to improving the **Community** as a whole.
  - **Leadership** qualities, which allow them to be exemplary role models.
  - **Entrepreneurial Spirit** in starting or significantly advancing local businesses.

**In a true effort to Inspire Tomorrows through Junior Achievement programming, each Laureate will present a 45 minute *JA Launch Lesson* in a classroom to share their story and inspire future leaders. Nominees will need to be willing to visit a classroom in the month of April for this impactful mentoring experience.**

Please answer the following three questions as completely as possible (no page limit, 200 word minimum per question). This is the only information the Selection Committee will review. Nominations will be accepted through Monday, March 9, 2020 and the inaugural 2020 Laureates will be announced by March 20<sup>th</sup> and honored at the ***Spirit of Entrepreneurship Awards Celebration*** in May.

**Nominator's Information (your information)**

**Name :**

**Phone :**

**E-mail :**

Do you wish to remain anonymous to the honoree?

**Nominee's Information (potential laureate)**

**Name :**

**Title :**

**Company :**

**Address :**

**Cell Phone :**

**Work Phone :**

**Home Phone :**

**Email :**

- Outline the ways the nominee has positively **IMPACTED** their industry or organization through **INTEGRITY** as an ethical business leader and why he/she deserves recognition.
- Describe how the nominee's **LEADERSHIP** and selfless service of time and talent has positively impacted our **COMMUNITY**. List any personal or professional honors or recognition received that represents the nominee's **LEADERSHIP** qualities.
- Describe any innovations that demonstrate the nominee's **ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT**.

Please return your nomination to: Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado via email to:

[anji.roewood@ja.org](mailto:anji.roewood@ja.org).