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Black Enterprise Awards 2003 – Entry Form for all categories **Closing Date: 31 August 2003**

Black Enterprise Awards - <http://www.blackenterpriseawards.com> – recognises and celebrates African Caribbean entrepreneurs for their spirit and success in an ever-evolving and challenging business climate.

Nominations and Criteria

Any member of the public may make a nomination. Nominee businesses come from the African Caribbean communities. To be eligible for an award, the nominee business or entrepreneur **must** meet the following criteria:

i. All Categories

- ? Be independently owned
- ? Be at least 2 years old
- ? Be at least 51% (majority) African Caribbean owned
- ? Generate annual revenues (even if it is not profitable)
- ? Show a pattern of increasing revenues for the two years preceding nomination

ii. Young Entrepreneurs Category

- ? Be independently owned
- ? Be at least 1 year old
- ? Be at least 51% African Caribbean owned
- ? Demonstrate that the company generates revenues (even if it is not yet profitable)
- ? Serve as a role model to young would-be entrepreneurs
- ? Have a comprehensive understanding of, and direct involvement in, the daily operations of the company

Categories and Notes

Just as there are many different skills and characteristics that make up an entrepreneur, so there are a number of Black Enterprise categories recognizing the best entrepreneurs in the UK.

1. BUSINESS INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Ingenuity and inventiveness

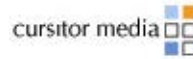
The Business Innovator of The Year award recognises a business or individual who has broken new ground or developed a new and unique method of doing business. Their triumphs have had a significant impact in their respective industries and have helped to clear the way for others to pursue business opportunities in that area.

Information on the scope and capabilities of the innovation, as well as its commercial value plus supporting data are required.

2. RISING STAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Entrepreneurial leaders of tomorrow

The Rising Star of the Year award honours exceptional business achievements by individuals under the age of 35. The recipients possess outstanding skills, professionalism and perseverance, and have firmly established themselves as entrepreneurial leaders of tomorrow.



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3. EMERGING COMPANY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Entrepreneurs poised for future growth

The company selected for The Emerging Company of the Year award has demonstrated the following criteria: that it is positioned for future growth; that it has embraced creative marketing techniques, carved out a special niche or strategically capitalized on general market trends to enable it to advance successfully.

Companies that have achieved a solid pattern of growth over the past three (3) years in a sector or niche with strong market trends upwards are encouraged to apply.

4. ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The entrepreneurs' entrepreneur

The Entrepreneur of the Year award goes to an entrepreneur or group who in the opinion of the judges embody a substantial part of all the award categories and who has especially been committed to advancing the rich tradition of black and minority ethnic business achievement.

5. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN BUSINESS AWARD

The pioneering entrepreneur

The Lifetime Achievement in Business award goes to an entrepreneur or group who, in the opinion of the judges, is a pioneer. This is a person who paved the way for many and who has been in business for over a decade.

6. YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Young entrepreneur

The Young Entrepreneur of the Year award recognises a young entrepreneur or group, under the age of 30, who is committed to advancing the rich tradition of black and minority business achievement. These young entrepreneurs have positioned themselves to become the next generation of business leaders.

7. BLACK ENTERPRISE CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD

Positive role models

The Black Enterprise Champion award recognises an entrepreneur who can be described as 'established achiever'. This entrepreneur has gone further than others, seen it all, and done it all. Importantly, they serve as role models. Nominations in this category are NOT open to the public. Suggestions are received from established entrepreneurs, community leaders, business development organisations, and politicians. Each year, a business or entrepreneur will be recognised.

8. CORPORATE LEADER OF THE YEAR

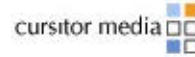
Entrepreneurs at the helm

The Corporate Leader of the Year award recognises an individual such as a Chairman, CEO, Director, or Partner, who although not running their own business, is a senior executive of a major corporate or trans-national corporation.

9. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Entrepreneurs improving Britain's competitiveness overseas

This International Business of the Year award goes to a business that makes overseas earnings from the sale of goods and services and returns on investments abroad. This business fuels the international competitiveness of Britain in Europe, Africa, Asia, the US and elsewhere.



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10. UP-SKILLING AWARD

Entrepreneurs' edge

The Up-Skilling Award goes to an established or aspiring entrepreneur who has gained access to more business opportunities through up-skilling itself or its workforce in literacy, information and communications technology, finance, marketing and public relations.

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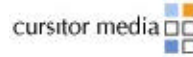
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NOMINATION FORM - To be complete by all entrants

Please complete the form below as fully as possible. This is important to ensure validation of the entry:

1. Nomination category:

	Category	Tick one
1.	Business Innovator of the Year	
2.	Rising Star of the Year	
3.	Emerging Company of the Year	
4.	Entrepreneur of the Year	
5.	Lifetime Achievement in Business	
6.	Young Entrepreneur of the Year	
7.	Corporate Leader of the Year	
8.	International Business of the Year	
9.	UP-Skilling Business of the Year	

2. Type of Business e.g. Finance, Communications

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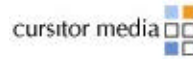
3. Contact Details:

a. Nominator (the person completing the nomination):

Title:	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Position:	
Company Name	
Business Tel:	
Business Fax	
Email:	

b. Nominee (the person/business being nominated):

Title:	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Position:	
Company Name	
Business Tel:	
Business Fax	
Email:	
Address1	
Address2	
Address3	
City	
Postcode	



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4. Award Entry Information:

A. In which Year was the business/company started or acquired?

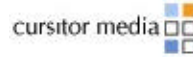
(Please Note: If the company was acquired or changed ownership, this should be the date under current ownership)

B. Brief Description of Nominee's Product or Service:

C. List as many achievements which make your business stand out from the rest:

D. What impact do you believe your business has made in its field or the community?

E. Any other / supporting information e.g. previous awards, nominations etc.



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F. Please indicate approximately the total annual revenue of your business:

Year 2000	2001	2002

G. What percentage of your business is Black-owned? E.g. 100%

Please use extra space if required: