

# *Nominations are now open for Aroostook's Entrepreneur of the Year Award - 2019*

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Aroostook Partnership

## *Supported by:*

University of Maine at Presque Isle

University of Maine at Fort Kent

Northern Maine Community College

Husson University



## **Purpose:**

*Aroostook's Entrepreneur of the Year Award* is designed to recognize the achievements of Entrepreneurs who reside in and have excelled in a business venture in Aroostook County. The award will be presented annually by the Aroostook Partnership.

## **Who is eligible:**

Individuals who own, operate, or are involved in a partnership in a for-profit or not-for-profit enterprise in Aroostook County. If a business has been in operation for more than 10 years, it is also eligible for the Aroostook Partnership Vanguard Award.

## **Selection Process:**

Nominations for the award will be sought from community members annually. Nominees from prior year(s) who were not selected as Entrepreneur of the Year are eligible for re-submission.

Nominees will be judged on innovation; business growth in sales/employees/expansion/market share; impact to the community and/or region; and response to adversity. Scoring criteria is at the end of the document.

Deadline for nominations will be April 19, 2019 at 2 p.m.

A panel of eight judges, one from each of the supporting organizations (University of Maine at Fort Kent, Northern Maine Community College, University of Maine at Presque Isle and Husson University) and four business representatives, will determine the finalists and winner.

The recipient of *Aroostook's Entrepreneur of the Year Award* will be announced at an event in late May at Northern Maine Community College. Other honorees will also be recognized. The winner will receive \$1,000. First and Second runners up will receive \$500 and \$250 respectively.

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## **2019 Official Nomination Form**

### **Information on Nominee:**

Name of person being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone number of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Current position held by nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write below why you believe this individual should be honored as Aroostook County's 2019 Entrepreneur of the Year:**

(you may use additional sheets of paper if needed - or attach a write up)

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**Contact Information for Person Making Nomination:**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to person being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 19, 2019**

**SEND COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS TO:**

**Aroostook Partnership Entrepreneur of the Year Award**

**Attn: Paul Towle, President**

**Aroostook Partnership**

**PO Box 779**

**Caribou, ME 04736**

Completed nominations can also be e-mailed to [ptowle@aroostookpartnership.org](mailto:ptowle@aroostookpartnership.org)

Judges will be using the scoring criteria below to determine the winners.

- **Innovation (scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most innovative)**
- **Business growth in number of employees and or expansion (scale of 1 to 10)**
- **Impact to community/region (scale of 1 to 10)**
- **Response to adversity (scale of 1 to 5)**
- **Intangibles (scale of 1 to 5)**

**Possible total score of 40**