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 CASCADE CAPITAL CORPORATION  
**BUSINESS GROWTH**  
 AWARDS PROGRAM



**2018 BUSINESS GROWTH AWARDS OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM**

**TO:** Growing companies and professional service organizations  
**FROM:** Robert Filipiak, Executive Director, Cascade Capital Corp.  
**SUBJECT:** The 2018 Business Growth Awards Program

Cascade Capital Corp. and the sponsors of the 2018 Business Growth Awards program invite you to celebrate your company's success or that of your clients by submitting your nomination (see the reverse side for instructions and nomination form).

The Business Growth Awards recognize and honor businesses from our seven-county region that have achieved superior growth in sales and/or employment over the past five years.\*

Nominate your qualified customers and/or your own firm for a 2018 Business Growth Award. There is no limit to the nominations you may submit.

Additional nomination forms are available from the registration site at:  
[www.regonline.com/2018cascadebizgrowth](http://www.regonline.com/2018cascadebizgrowth)

Winners will be notified in August 2018 and formally honored at the Business Growth Awards on October 2, 2018. All winners will be featured in the October edition of *Smart Business Akron/Canton*.

Sincerely,  
 Robert Filipiak  
 Cascade Capital Corp.

\* Business must be located in Summit, Medina, Stark, Portage, Wayne, Ashland or Holmes counties to participate.

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: JULY 27, 2018**

Send completed nominations packages to: **Molly Carpenter** at [mcarpenter@sbnonline.com](mailto:mcarpenter@sbnonline.com) and put the following in the subject line: **Business Growth Awards**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018 | JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER | 77 E. MILL STREET, AKRON, OH 44308**

**A W A R D S**

Each qualifying nominee will be recognized for his or her company's success in one of three categories:

- ◆ SERVICE
- ◆ MANUFACTURING
- ◆ TECHNOLOGY

Specialty awards will be presented within each category for:

- ◆ HIGHEST SALES GROWTH
- ◆ GREATEST EMPLOYEE GROWTH
- ◆ BEST OVERALL SUCCESS STORY

**THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AWARD**

Presented to a local business leader who best exemplifies entrepreneurship by leading a dynamic, growing organization and inspiring others through innovative business practices.

**AKRON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PHILANTHROPY IN BUSINESS AWARD**

Presented to a local business that's commitment to giving back positively impacts the community.

**THE HUNTINGTON LEGACY AWARD**

This prestigious honor will be presented to a business organization that has demonstrated the greatest economic impact within its region and has previously won a minimum of four Business Growth Awards.

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**GENERAL RECOGNITION CRITERIA\*:**

1. Business must be located in **Summit, Medina, Stark, Portage, Wayne, Ashland** or **Holmes** county.
2. Over the past five years, sales must have increased by 100 percent or \$5 million; **OR**
3. Over the past five years, the number of full-time employees must have increased by 50 percent or 25 employees.

Please write the company name, executive's name and title EXACTLY as it should appear in print, on awards, event collateral, etc.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year Founded: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CEO or other top executive: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Website URL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Executive Assistant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business description/product/service:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions to local economy over past five years:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

List previous year(s) you received a Cascade Capital Business Growth Award:

\_\_\_\_\_

Year:	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Sales:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Employment:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Nominated by/company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nominee's accounting firm: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nominee's law firm: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nominee's bank: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Financial data disclosed to Cascade Capital Corp. judging panel only. (Confidentiality agreements on file)

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**ENTRY CHECK LIST:**

- This nomination form
- Essay question(s)
- High-resolution headshot of the nominee (300 DPI)
- High-resolution company logo (300 DPI)

Acceptable file formats: jpg, eps, tif and pdf.  
 Web images are NOT acceptable.

Return completed nominations packages to: **Molly Carpenter** at **mcarpenter@sbnonline.com** and put the following in the subject line: **Business Growth Awards**

◆ Attach an essay of no less than 250 words with your nomination that details your company's most significant achievements or success stories during the past five years. This may include, but is not limited to, product innovation, sales growth, expansion and economic obstacles.

◆ To be eligible for **THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AWARD**, also include information about how you lead and inspire your employees to reach new heights.

◆ To be eligible for the **AKRON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PHILANTHROPY IN BUSINESS AWARD**, describe your organization's involvement in philanthropic endeavors.

For more information, contact **Molly Carpenter** at (440) 250-7039 or **mcarpenter@sbnonline.com**