Lillie Knox Investing for Growth Award

(Deadline for submission is July 31, 2015)



Lillie Knox was a vital and important part of the history and current success of the Women's Business Council - Southwest (WBCS) and the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). Lillie passed away after a long battle with cancer on November 10, 2003. In 2005, the Lillie Knox *Investing for Growth* Award was created by WBCS to honor Lillie for her support of Women Business Enterprises through her commitment, spirit, passion and determination.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

Cash award(s) of up to \$5,000 will be presented at the Harvesting Partnerships Lillie Knox memorial luncheon on September 10, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency DFW Airport Hotel. The recipients are certified-WBE Members of WBCS who have identified a need in their business that, if met, will support growth and development of their business. The cash award may fully or partially fund this need and may include, but is not limited to, equipment purchase, technical development or upgrade, consulting services, strategic planning, website development, planning or education.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- The award application must be <u>completed by the owner</u> of the certified business and *returned to WBCS by July 31, 2015*. Applications received after this date will NOT be considered. Send applications via email to Jasmine Price at <u>jprice@wbcsouthwest.org</u>.
- Recipient(s) must currently be a certified WBE Member(s) of the Women's Business Council Southwest for at least two years *(original certification date must be before 8/1/13)*.
- WBEs who have received a Lillie Knox Award in the past are ineligible to submit an application for a period of two (2) years following receipt of the award.
- A selection committee will determine the recipient(s) and amount of award(s). Recipients will be announced at the Lillie Knox memorial luncheon at Harvesting Partnerships on September 10, 2015.
- Funds awarded must be invested in the business and a report of their use must be provided to WBCS by August of the following year.
- Recipient(s) must agree that all information from the application is available for use by WBCS in the presentation or publicity of the award.
- *Important*: By submitting an application, you agree to be present at this event.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Pittard, Director of Programs, at <u>lpittard@wbcsouthwest.org</u> or (817) 299-0566 Ext. 207.

LILLIE KNOX **INVESTING FOR GROWTH** AWARD (Deadline July 31, 2015)

APPLICATION

(Please check below)

I agree to the guidelines detailed on page one and certify that the information contained in my application is truthful and accurate.

Owner's Name:

Name of Business:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Business Description:

Year Established:

2013 Total Sales Amount:2014 Total Sales Amount: (Note: sales information is confidential)No. of Employees:

Month and Year of Initial Certification with WBCS (must be before 8/1/13):

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APPLICATION (Continued)

Please create a document (formatted as shown below) and submit along with your application.

APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Maximum of two pages, double-spaced No less than 12 point font size

Describe your involvement and that of your company in WBCS.

Provide a brief description of your business need and specifically how you will use the Lillie Knox "*Investing for Growth*" cash award of up to \$5,000 to support this need. Include a cost range for the need being requested.

State how meeting this need will support the growth and development of your business.