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EY Entrepreneur Of The Year award recipients in Greater Los Angeles as revealed last year. The deadline for applications this year is Friday, March 10, 2017. Learn more or submit a nomination today.

The Grammys are over but the major business awards are just getting started. The most prestigious of all business awards is "EY Entrepreneur Of The Year." Now in its 31st year, Entrepreneur Of The Year honors successful entrepreneurs in more than 145 cities in 60 countries who demonstrate extraordinary success in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment.

Since its inception, the program has recognized more than 9,000 executives who were estimated to have created over 14 million jobs in 2015 alone, based on the recently released Harvard Business Review report "The Entrepreneur's Purpose."

Here are just a few of the benefits that past participants shared:

Accreditation	Becoming a semifinalist, finalist or winner helps to credentialize your company with investors, customers and current and prospective employees
Exposure	Participating will introduce you to new customers, M&A opportunities, and private equity or venture capital investors
Recognition	The program celebrates the founders and CEOs and publicly recognizes the contributions of the team, thus enhancing employee morale
Mentoring	Continued education opportunities are available to all participants with an incredible network of peers to accelerate growth

One of the truly great aspects of the program is its inclusiveness: Anyone can nominate anyone. Many of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year participants are nominated by proud colleagues, their vendors or admirers who think recognition is due. Self-nominations are even welcome. Learn more or submit a nomination today. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 10, 2017.

Full disclosure: Olmstead Williams Communications is a very proud sponsor for Entrepreneur Of The Year. But, that's not the only reason we love the program. In fact, we're big proponents of many top award programs. They're one of the least expensive ways to raise your company's profile and generate news.

From the Inc. "30 Under 30" and Fast Company's "Innovation By Design Awards" to industry specific honors such as the "M&A Advisor Awards," there is an awards program that will help drive your business forward.

Check out the chart below of top award programs. We're always here to brainstorm about these and other programs.

Regards,
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Awards	Details	Deadline
Stevie American Business Award	Every year, household-name companies such as Apple, Delta Faucet, and Ford Motor Company are joined in the winners' circle by small and medium-size organizations that are still building their brands.	February 16, 2017
EY Entrepreneur Of The Year	Prestigious regional and national recognition of entrepreneurs making strides in their industries.	March 10, 2017
Glassdoor - Highest Rated CEO / Best Places to Work (US - Large Companies)	Award winners are determined using feedback employees have shared on Glassdoor throughout the previous year.	Based on reviews through March 2017.
The M&A Advisor - International M&A Awards	The Annual International M&A Awards recognize the top international deals, dealmakers and firms conducting important transactions in the Americas, Europe, Asia, Middle East, Africa and Australia.	March 17, 2017
Inc. 500/5000	The Inc. 5000 ranks companies by overall revenue growth over a three-year period. All 5,000 honoree companies are individually profiled on Inc.com. The top 500 are featured in the September issue of Inc. magazine.	May 1, 2017
Fast Company - Innovation by Design Awards	Each of the projects chosen represent what's best about design today: Big ideas, meticulously thought-out details, and a clear viewpoint about how we live now-and how it could be better.	TBD
Stevie Award - For Great Employers	The newest Stevie Awards program will recognize the world's best companies to work for in a wide variety of	June 5, 2017

	categories for HR achievement.	
Entrepreneur - Entrepreneur 360	The Entrepreneur360™ is a 360-degree analysis of U.S.-based companies designed to uncover the real leaders among entrepreneurs.	TBD
Fortune - 40 Under 40	An annual ranking of the most influential young people in business--disruptors, innovators, rebels and artists.	TBD
Best in Biz Awards (North America) "Enterprise Service of the Year"	Best in Biz Awards honor companies, teams, executives and products for their business success in the current and previous year.	July 28, 2017
The M&A Advisor Awards	The industry's premier event of the year, celebrated since 2001, brings M&A industry leaders together to recognize and honor the top performers.	August 2017
Inc. - 30 Under 30	Inc.'s 30 Under 30 honorees are taking on the planet's biggest challenges, one elegantly creative solution at a time.	January 2018