



## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DON QUIJOTE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando and the Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Greater Orlando, Inc. once again join forces to bring Central Florida the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Quijote Awards. This premier event honors Hispanic entrepreneurs and professionals who excel in their business or profession and help make Central Florida a better place to live.

Please use this form to nominate yourself, another individual or a business. You may nominate more than one person or business for each of the four award categories listed below\*. You can also fill out an online nomination form at [www.DonQuijoteAwards.com](http://www.DonQuijoteAwards.com). Please note that all information submitted will be kept strictly confidential. **This form must be received via mail or fax by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2008.**

The process of selecting all finalists and winners will be handled by an Independent Selection Committee composed of business and community leaders from Central Florida. The Selection Committee will evaluate all nominations and select the finalists and award winners pursuant to objective criteria for each award category. For each category, the nominee obtaining the highest weighted rating will be selected as the winner in that category.

Three finalists for each category will be announced at a press conference to be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008. The winners will be announced at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Quijote Awards Gala, on Saturday, December 6, 2008. All finalists will be required to be present.

### PLEASE INDICATE THE AWARD:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Hispanic Business of the Year (less than three years)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Hispanic Community Champion</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Hispanic Business of the Year (more than three years)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Excellence Award</i>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Professional of the Year Award</i>                        |   |

### NOMINEE INFORMATION (Please type or print clearly):

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Hispanic Chamber Member:  Yes  No HBIF Customer:  Yes  No

**Mail or fax the completed Nomination Form by Friday, September 19, 2008.**

The mailing address is the following:  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Quijote Awards  
315 East Robinson Street, Ste. 465 Orlando, FL 32801  
Phone: (407)428-5872 Fax: (407)428-5873

**You may also complete an online Nomination Form by visiting:  
[www.DonQuijoteAwards.com](http://www.DonQuijoteAwards.com)**

Name of nominating party, if other than nominee:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## NOMINATION CRITERIA \*

<b>Hispanic Business of the Year Less Than Three Years</b>	Individual nominees or nominee's employer must be a member in good standing of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando or Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Greater Orlando, Inc. client	
	<b>General Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate office must be located in Central Florida</li> <li>• Business nominees must be at least 51% Hispanic owned &amp; managed</li> <li>• Business nominees must complete a Financial Disclosure Form (form provided)</li> </ul>	<b>Specific Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of financial success/growth exhibited by business (Financial Disclosure Form).</li> <li>• Evidence of innovations/contributions in their company and or industry</li> <li>• Demonstrated leadership and Community involvement</li> <li>• Significant honors or awards</li> </ul>
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<b>Professional of the Year Award</b>	Individual nominees or nominee's employer must be a member in good standing of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando or Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Greater Orlando, Inc. client	
	<b>General Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual nominees must reside in Central Florida and be of Hispanic descent</li> <li>• Individual nominees must be engaged in an activity, occupation, or vocation situated in the State of Florida</li> </ul>	<b>Specific Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional accomplishments</li> <li>• Evidence of innovations/contributions in their company and or industry</li> <li>• Demonstrated leadership and Community involvement</li> <li>• Significant honors or awards</li> </ul>
<b>New Award Hispanic Community Champion</b>	Open to the general public (An individual or a business may be nominated)	
	<b>General Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual, business / organization must reside or have operations in Central Florida</li> <li>• This award is intended to recognize a non-Hispanic individual or business/organization that have lead by example in supporting the progress of the Hispanic community of Central Florida</li> </ul>	<b>Specific Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of innovations/contributions in the Hispanic community</li> <li>• Individual or organization must provide evidence of promoting Hispanic professionals, executives, and board members within their organizations/ community</li> <li>• Demonstrated leadership and Community involvement in benefit of the Hispanic community</li> <li>• Significant honors or awards</li> </ul>
<b>Excellence Award</b>	Open to the general public (An individual or a business may be nominated)	
	<b>General Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual nominees must reside in Central Florida and be of Hispanic descent</li> <li>• Business nominees must be at least 51% Hispanic owned &amp; managed and the corporate office must be located in Central Florida (if applicable)</li> <li>• Business nominees must complete a Financial Disclosure Form (form provided)</li> </ul>	<b>Specific Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional accomplishments or evidence of financial success/growth exhibited by business (Financial Disclosure Form).</li> <li>• Evidence of innovations/contributions in their company and or industry</li> <li>• Demonstrated leadership and Community involvement</li> <li>• Significant honors or awards</li> </ul>

\*PLEASE NOTE: Previous winners, Don Quijote Awards Selection Committee members, HCCMO and HBIF Board members, elected officials and anyone running for office are not eligible for nomination.