



## Future Thrust Awards Nomination Instructions

The Future Thrust Awards are designed to honor individuals for outstanding service to others. The focus is on those that offer a hand-up to the generations that follow them. Future Thrust Awards recognize people that demonstrate an affinity for youth programs, education and career development. The awards committee is searching for people who are assisting youth in their development, helping them find success in school and opening doors in the job market. The awards committee is seeking folks that empower others to mature into productive adults, go to college, and find success in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) career fields.

The Future Thrust Award winners are celebrated annually at the Future Thrust Awards Banquet hosted by the Red-Tailed Hawks Flying Club, which is chartered by Black Pilots of America, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization. This fundraising social event is held in the Seattle, WA area and supports the RTH Youth Program and the BPA "Les Morris" Summer Flight Academy.

### AWARD CATEGORIES and CRITERIA

**Les Morris Award for Propelling Youth Programs.** This Future Thrust Award venerates folks for creating or contributing to youth organization programming with a STEM focus. This service may manifest itself in mentoring, tutoring, the development of inspirational activities, or effective leadership of volunteers.

**Leroy Roberts Award for Propelling Education.** This Future Thrust Award honors persons who assist and empower youth in STEM education. This service may manifest itself in the transfer of knowledge, the provision of college funds, or the development of cutting edge curriculum.

**Walt Braithwaite Award for Propelling Careers.** This Future Thrust Award honors individuals who are involved in career development. This service may manifest itself in career mentoring, technical coaching, professional organization leadership, or influencing business hiring practices in STEM related industries.

### ELIGIBILITY

Award nominees can be any person meeting the criteria and committed to attending the ceremony held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of December in the greater Seattle area (or sending a representative in the case of illness, injury or emergency).

Anyone can make a nomination. Self-nominations are acceptable.

The same person may be nominated for awards in all three categories in the same year.

An award winner may not be nominated in the same category in subsequent years.



## NOMINATION PACKAGE

Nominations are due August 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

The nomination requires a typed short essay (250 words or less) describing the accomplishments of the nominee within the scope of the category criteria. The nominee's full name, contact information and category must clearly identified on the essay submittal.

Multiple nominations will require a separate essay to focus on each category.

Send a .doc, .rtf, or .pdf file to [flywa.bpa@gmail.com](mailto:flywa.bpa@gmail.com) or mail essay to:

Future Thrust Awards  
PO Box 1403  
Mukilteo, WA 98026

## FINALISTS

Selected finalists will be contacted by the award committee for headshots and bios not later than September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## QUESTIONS

Contact the RTH Board of Directors, [flywa.bpa@gmail.com](mailto:flywa.bpa@gmail.com), with any questions.