

ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECOGNITION RECEPTION

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 2023 Recognition Awards. The award winners are honored at the Chamber's Reception in November 2023. Since 1988, the event has been the Chamber's premier annual opportunity to recognize Allegany County's most notable successes among its membership.

CRITERIA FOR HONOREES

The Chamber's awards are given annually at the Recognition Reception. The awardees are limited exclusively to Chamber members who are recognized by their peers as making exemplary contributions to the community by:

1. Contributing to the betterment of the region through community service, leadership roles, and achievements that benefit the people and the progress of our county.
2. Demonstrating an exemplary model in professional and personal practice. Awardees provide a role model for other business professionals and community leaders; hold a greater vision for self and for company ethic that models progress; and raise the standard for professionals locally.

Criteria for the **Business of the Year** are based on the following:

For the business best demonstrating positive economic impact in our community while including significant contributions to the community's growth and well-being. This business would demonstrate an exceptional level of representing their industry and the local business community as a whole. Benchmarks may be exemplary staying power, sales growth, employee growth, production expansion, significant improvement in financial position, etc.

Criteria for the **Entrepreneurial Spirit Award** are based on the following:

For the individual, founder, or team who has demonstrated the best of community-wide benefits of the entrepreneurial spirit. Benchmarks may be a significant product, service or technology innovation, successfully taking a division in a totally new direction, starting a new product/service line, innovative ways to overcome significant challenges, etc.

Criteria for the **Community Service Award** are based on the following:

For the individual or organization best demonstrating Chamber members' involvement in community service. Benchmarks may be demonstrations of

regularly going above and beyond their core mission, in order to serve our broader community.

New for 2023, the Chamber wishes to honor one of its nonprofit members.

Criteria for the **Nonprofit of the Year Award** are based on the following:

For the organization that has demonstrated community service, as indicated in their defined mission and vision. Benchmarks may include meeting or exceeding fundraising goals to exceed their intended investment in the community, or creating and successfully implementing a program or service that addresses a community need.

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

Any designated representative of a Chamber member may nominate another Chamber member [self-nominations are acceptable].

The basic **Nomination Package** must include:

- Single cover page listing:
 - Full name, title, business & home address, all contact phones/faxes/emails of **Nominee**
 - **Award** for which nomination is being made
 - One paragraph summary of nominee's business or organization, date of establishment, scope
 - Full name, title, business address, contact info of **Nominator**
- **Letter of Nomination** (1 to 3 pages) which specifically details those outstanding actions and characteristics which elevate this person and/or organization above others. Nominators should keep in mind the large number of very active local businesses and individuals and highlight those attributes and performance that merit the award.
- **Signed Release** giving the Chamber permission to, at the Chamber's discretion, promote the nominee in media, publications, etc.

The **Nomination Package** may also include **Appendix/Supplemental Information** such as new articles, photographs, magazine articles, etc.

All complete **Nomination Packages** must be postmarked or received by the Chamber office by 4:00pm **Friday, June 16, 2023**. Incomplete packages or packages received after the deadline will not be considered.

The award winners will be chosen by a committee consisting of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce 1st Vice Chair, two Past Chairpersons, a selection from the general membership, and the honorees from the previous years' awards.

All business award winners and (up to three) nonprofit finalists will be notified on or before Friday, July 28, 2023. The nonprofit award will be announced the evening of the reception.

Complete form online (QR code or link below) or print.



<https://forms.office.com/r/WCd5xDv5hx>

ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE
2023 Outstanding Business Recognition Award Nomination
COVER PAGE

Date of Submission: _____ Nomination for (select only one): **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**
 ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT SERVICE OF THE YEAR **COMMUNITY**
 NONPROFIT

NOMINEE Info

Full Name/Title:

Business Name:

Business Address:

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email:

Home Address:

NOMINATOR Info

Full Name/Title:

Business Address:

Contact Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email:

ONE PARAGRAPH SUMMARY of NOMINATION (why business or individual should win award, overall scope of community/business impact, date of establishment/time in region, etc.).

CONSENT for DISCLOSURE The undersigned [nominee] herewith agrees with and consents to the disclosure of the nomination file contents, at the discretion of and by the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. That disclosure may, at the Chamber's discretion, include print, broadcast, and electronic media, and other means of promotion.

(signed) _____ (printed name) _____ (date)
