

Hayward Area Chamber Annual Business Awards

The Awards Program

The Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Program is to recognize and honor business excellence and individual contributions to our Hayward Area.

The Awards Program provides an opportunity to recognize HACC members and their employees that have made a significant contribution to community spirit, service and quality of life, and have demonstrated outstanding business leadership, innovation and success.

The Awards Categories

Awards will be presented to eligible businesses, organizations or individuals that have made an exemplary contribution in one of the following award categories:

Large Business of the Year (over 25 employees)

The business nominee will be considered on the basis of their impact and business professionalism through customer service, product quality and community involvement. Nominees may have special accomplishments including any of the following: leadership, customer service, innovations in product or service, continuous improvement, employee relations or community involvement.

Small Business of the Year (25 employees or less)

The business nominee will be considered on the basis of their impact and business professionalism through customer service, product quality and community involvement. Nominees may have special accomplishments including any of the following: leadership, customer service, innovations in product or service, continuous improvement, employee relations or community involvement.

New Business of the Year (in business at least 9 months but less than two years)

The business nominee will be considered on the basis of their impact and business professionalism through customer service, product quality and community involvement. Nominees may have special accomplishments including any of the following: leadership, customer service, innovations in product or service, continuous improvement, employee relations or community involvement. This award will also recognize the entrepreneurial spirit of this new business addition to the Hayward Area.

Outstanding Employee, Director or Manager of the Year

This award is for an employee or manager who, through their personal vision, expertise, dedication and performance, is an outstanding role model for business development and excellence.

Volunteer of the Year

Nominated individuals must have volunteered in the Hayward Area. Through their volunteerism, they have shown pride in the Hayward Area and made a significant contribution to it through creating effective positive partnerships with members of the public, other community organizations, businesses and/or local government. Showing no concern for personal financial gain, nominees have demonstrated support for the efforts of their fellow volunteers and the spirit of volunteerism in general.

Service Organization of the Year

The non-profit organization will be considered on the basis of the history of service to the area as well as its most current achievements.

Partner of the Year

New for 2016, the business/organization nominee will be considered on the basis of their effectiveness in working together with other area business(es) to achieve more. Nominees will provide a shining example of how collaboration among two or more businesses can benefit all involved through combining of resources, sharing of expertise and/or creatively building upon one another's efforts.

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Nomination Form

The Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the annual presentation of the Business Awards at our HACC Annual Dinner on Thursday, November 3, 2016.

Categories

- Large Business of the Year (over 25 employees)
- Small Business of the Year (25 employees or less)
- New Business of the Year (in business at least 9 months but less than 2 years)
- Outstanding Employee, Director or Manager of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Service Organization of the Year
- Partner of the Year

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Eligibility Rules

- Individuals and companies may nominate their own business for an award.
- Nominees must be a member or an employee of a member of the HACC.
(Exception: Volunteer of the Year)
- Candidates may be nominated for more than one category.
- A complete Nomination Portfolio must be submitted for each award category nomination.
- An award may not be issued for every category, depending on the nominations received.
- A nominee may be issued an award for a category other than the one for which they were nominated.
- A business or individual is ineligible to win the same award category more than once in three years.
- Non-profit or charitable groups, private institutions, and other non-government agencies are considered on the same basis as for-profit businesses.

The Chamber Board of Directors determines the award recipients based on the submitted Nominations Portfolios. Finalists may be photographed during the event.

Nomination Deadline:

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. October 26, 2016

Please note that a separate form must be completed for each category

The Nominee (please print)

Category _____

Business Name _____

Business Representative _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Nature of Business _____

Nominating Person or Business

Name _____

Business _____

Phone Number _____

Complete Nominations are due by October 26, 2016 at 5 p.m.

- Nomination Form
- Reasons for nomination (please attach this sheet)
- Brief description and history of business
- Copy of the business logo and letterhead, for use in Awards night presentation (*Optional*)
- Photo of the business premises, for use in Awards night presentation (*Optional*)
- Photo and biography or curriculum vitae of business representative(s) (*Optional*)
(photo for use in Awards night presentation)
- Three letters supporting the nominated business or individual (may include customer feedback letters) (*Optional*)

Please contact Lynell Swenson at the Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce office, at (715) 634-8662 or Lynell@haywardareachamber.com with any questions you may have.