

Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce 2024 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 HACC is seeking nominations for the annual presentation of the Business Awards at our HACC Annual Dinner on Thursday, November 7, 2024.

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 based on 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 based on 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 or New Business Ownership of the Year (in business or with new business ownership at least 6 months but less than two years)

The business nominee will be considered based on 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. New business owners of existing and/or established area businesses will also be considered based on new ideas, new management, and new business strategies.

Outstanding Employee, Director or Manager of the Year – For Profit Business

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

Outstanding Employee, Director or Manager of the Year – Non-Profit Organization

This award is for an employee or manager who, through their personal vision, expertise, dedication, and performance, is an outstanding role model for a non-profit organization's 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 based on the history of service to the area as well as its most current achievements.

Eligibility Rules

- **Individuals and companies are encouraged to 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 but will not be eligible to win in more than one category.
- A complete Nomination Portfolio must be submitted for each award category nomination.
- The Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce Staff & Board reserves the right to remove any nomination(s) deemed incomplete or ineligible.
- 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.
- Finalists may be photographed during the event.

Nomination Deadline

The deadline for submissions is Noon, September 25, 2024.

Voting

The Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce membership will vote to determine the award recipients based on the submitted Nomination Forms. Each membership is eligible to vote once through an email determined to be the primary contact for each member. Voting will be done electronically.

Nomination Form

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 _____

Nominating Person or Business

Name _____

Business _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Complete Nominations Must Include:

- Nomination Form
- Reasons for nomination (please attach separate page)
- Brief description and/or history of business

Nominations can be returned to:

Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce
15805 US Hwy 63
PO Box 726
Hayward, WI 54843

Or: Brianna – brianna@haywardareachamber.com

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