



Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce 2025 Annual Business Awards

Awards Program

The Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce (HACC) is seeking nominations for the 2025 Annual Business Awards, which will be presented at the HACC Annual Dinner on Thursday, November 6, 2025. These awards recognize and honor business excellence and individual contributions that strengthen our community.

The program highlights HACC members and their employees who have made significant contributions to community spirit, service, and quality of life, while demonstrating outstanding leadership, innovation, and business success.

Award Categories

- **Large Business of the Year (over 25 employees)**
Recognizes businesses with exceptional impact, professionalism, customer service, product quality, and community involvement, with consideration for leadership, innovation, continuous improvement, and employee relations.
- **Small Business of the Year (25 employees or less)**
 - Same criteria as Large Business, but for smaller organizations.
- **New Business or New Business Ownership of the Year**
 - For businesses in operation (or under new ownership) at least six months but less than two years, demonstrating innovation, quality, community involvement, and entrepreneurial spirit.
- **Outstanding Employee, Director or Manager of the Year – For-Profit Business –**
Honors an individual whose vision, dedication, and performance have advanced a for-profit business.
- **Outstanding Employee, Director or Manager of the Year – Non-Profit Organization**
– Recognizes an individual making a significant impact within a non-profit.
- **Volunteer of the Year** – For individuals whose volunteerism has significantly benefited the Hayward Area.
- **Service Organization of the Year** – For non-profits that have demonstrated exceptional service history and recent achievements.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be HACC members or employees of a member (except Volunteer of the Year).
- Self-nominations are welcome.
- A nominee cannot win the same category more than once in three years.
- A complete Nomination Portfolio is required for each category.
- Awards may not be issued in every category.

Nomination Deadline

Submissions are due by Noon, Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

Voting

HACC members will vote electronically, with one vote per membership, using the primary contact email on file.

Nomination Requirements

- Completed nomination form (one per category)
- Reasons for nomination
- Brief description and/or history of the business

Submit Nominations to:

By Mail:

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Hayward, WI 54843

By Email:

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Questions?

Contact Robyn Tenner at (715) 634-8662 or robyn@haywardareachamber.com