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.
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 5, 2015.

Category

__ 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
__ HACC Volunteer of the Year
__ Service Organization of the Year

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

The Nominee (please print)

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 23, 2015 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.
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.
- Up to five finalists per category will be identified.

A panel of judges determines the award recipients based on the submitted Nominations Portfolios. Finalists will be photographed or videotaped for publicity purposes prior to, during and after the event.

Nomination Deadline:

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. October 23, 2015