

2006

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS



"It's an honour to be nominated"

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Awards to be presented at the
16th Annual Business Excellence Awards Gala
Friday, February 10, 2006



Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce

THE WINDSOR STAR

2006 Business Excellence Awards

THE NOMINATION PROCESS

In your own words, tell us your story.

1. The nominations submission (including letters of support) should be type written and must not exceed five (5) 8 1/2 x 11 pages, single-sided. A completed and signed nomination form must accompany the submission. Seven copies are required. Incomplete submissions will be disqualified.
2. Each award category has specific eligibility and evaluation criteria. Factors you may wish to include:
 - Excellence/Leadership in field of expertise
 - Business Growth (increased sales, profitability, and expansion)
 - Increased Employment and Sound Employee Relations
 - Customer Service/Quality
 - Innovation/Research & Development (marketing, product development, environmental responsibility, and technological advances)
 - Community/Charitable Involvement
3. An individual or a business may be nominated for more than one category as long as the nominations are not from the same nominator. One nominator can specify only for one category for an individual or business.
4. Self-nominations are not valid.
5. Nominations for individual award categories (Entrepreneur, Young Entrepreneur & Business Professional) are open for individuals only.
6. Not for profit organizations are ineligible for nomination.
7. Previous winners are eligible for re-nomination under another category after a minimum wait of three (3) years and under the same category after five (5) years.
8. An independent judging panel comprised of local businesspersons will complete judging of the finalists in each award category. No member of the judging panel shall have direct familial or financial involvement with any of the finalists selected.
9. The judging panel will complete its deliberations and finalists will be selected based upon who best adheres to the eligibility criteria and the overall goals of recognizing business excellence. The decisions of the judges are final and will remain confidential.
10. Current members of the Chamber Board of Directors, Business Excellence Awards Committee, Judges and Staff are not eligible. Sponsors and their employees are eligible for nominations in any category other than the one they are sponsoring.
11. Nominations will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2005.

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED NOMINATION TO:

Business Excellence Awards Nominations
c/o Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce,
2575 Ouellette Place, Windsor, Ontario, N8X 1L9
Telephone: (519) 966-3696 Fax: (519) 966-0603

Nomination Deadline: 5:00 P.M. THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

THE NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE INDICATE ONE AWARD CATEGORY (See reverse for descriptions):

- Business of Excellence - Company of the Year (3 awards) Business Professional
 Entrepreneur Good Neighbour Tourism & Hospitality
 Technology Young Entrepreneur - Birth Date (MM/YY) _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION *(please type or print clearly):*

Nominee's Name: _____

Title / Position of Nominee: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Year Employed / Year Business Opened: _____

Is the Nominee aware of this nomination? Yes No

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY *(please type or print clearly):*

Name: _____

Title / Position: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

The Windsor District Chamber of Commerce (WDCC) reserves the right to verify the information supplied on the nomination form and submission to conduct a background check of the nominee prior to being considered. Submissions are held in confidence and are the property of the WDCC.

The information provided on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

It's an Honour to be Nominated!

Once the judges' evaluations have been returned to the Chamber, and before the scores to determine the recipients are tabulated, all nominees, nominators and other VIP guests are invited to attend a reception, in celebration of excellence hosted by the University of Windsor on October 12, 2005.

AWARD CATEGORIES

BUSINESS OF EXCELLENCE - COMPANY OF THE YEAR (3 awards)

A business which has demonstrated excellence in the areas they believe are critical to their success. The successful business will demonstrate their strategic goals and how they accomplished them. Size of the business is not a criterion. Local divisions or branches of large corporations are also eligible provided they demonstrate how their local initiatives or performance has set them apart from similar divisions or branches of that corporation. The successful business will demonstrate company growth including sales, profitability, growth prospects, employment creation and acceptance in the market. In addition, they will show commitment to research and development and the development of technological advances in the company's industry sector.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

An individual business professional, who is self-employed or employed in a company made up largely of business professionals, who has demonstrated excellence in his or her field of business in the recent past, and who has demonstrated leadership in, and positively impacted the community. Nominees from either retail or manufacturing sectors should be submitted to either Entrepreneur or Young Entrepreneur as applicable.

ENTREPRENEUR

An owner / manager, primarily responsible for the recent performance of a privately held business that is at least two years old, or an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their local economy, and the entrepreneurial spirit. The successful recipient will demonstrate company growth including sales, profitability, growth prospects, employment creation and acceptance in the market. In addition, they will show commitment to research and development and the development of technological advances in the company's industry sector.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR BUSINESS

A business which actively works towards making our community an even friendlier, safer and more responsive place to live. The business often goes above and beyond the call of duty and exhibits continuing community commitment. The business ideally demonstrates efforts to make the community a safer and more responsive place to live.

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

A business that has demonstrated excellence in the areas of tourism and hospitality, and has played a vital role in the growth of this industry in Windsor-Essex County. The successful recipient will demonstrate how their commitment to customer service, innovation and participation in the community has fostered a positive image for the community. The business should demonstrate the critical success factors that have played a role in their success including employee relations, economic development/investment, business growth, and contributions to the community. Size of business is not a criterion. Local divisions or branches of larger corporations are also eligible provided they demonstrate how their initiatives and performance have enhanced tourism and hospitality at a local level thereby, supporting our hospitality/tourism infrastructure.

TECHNOLOGY

A business that has significantly improved the esthetics and functionality of the operating environment through innovation of design and technology. The recipient should also demonstrate the use or innovation of technology towards the betterment of the community.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

An owner / manager, (who is 30 years of age or under), primarily responsible for the recent performance of a privately held business that is at least two years old, or an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their local economy, and the entrepreneurial spirit. The successful recipient will demonstrate company growth including sales, profitability, growth prospects, employment creation and acceptance in the market. In addition, they will show commitment to research and development and the development of technological advances in the company's industry sector.

