



A Night for Laughter, Legacy and Leadership
January 25, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn White Marsh

Business Awards Ceremony

The Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce now is accepting nominations for its 2024 Business Awards program. Winners will be announced during **A Night for Laughter, Legacy & Leadership on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the Hilton Garden Inn White Marsh.**

Eligibility Requirements

- Nominated businesses or organizations must exhibit a standard of excellence, innovation and growth in their business practices and a commitment to giving back to the community.
- Nominee's business/organization must be located in eastern Baltimore County in one of the following zip codes - 21087, 21128, 21156, 21162, 21220, 21221, 21234, 21236, 21237. (Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce members in good standing outside of these zip codes also qualify.)
- Must meet the additional criteria for the specific award for which the business is being nominated (see below).
- Must not have won in any category in the past 5 years. (See attached list of prior winners)
- Nominator must be a current member of the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce and must identify himself/herself on the application.
- A representative from the business must attend the event to accept the award.
- Nomination must be received in full by **Friday, December 22, 2023. Nomination form is attached to this email.**
- The nominee does not have to be a member of the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce; however, additional points will be given during judging to those who are members in good standing.

A business/organization may self-nominate, or another individual may submit a nomination in one of the categories below. *The committee reserves the right to move the nominee into another category during judging and eliminate or add categories as it sees fit.*

- Rising Star Award – New business or organization which has been in existence less than 6 years
- Cornerstone Award – Business or organization which has been in existence for 6+ years
- Customer Service Award – Business or organization (any industry) which continually provides superior customer service and offers products or services that enhance the greater community.
- Community Service Award – Business or organization which goes above and beyond in supporting area nonprofits and/or projects that enhance the community.
- Revitalization Award – Business or organization which has contributed to the aesthetic improvement, preservation and/or renovation of the community.
- Economic Impact Award – Business or organization which has had a significant impact on local growth and development which enhances the quality of life in our community.
- Citizen of the Year – Individual whose volunteer leadership has significantly enhanced community life.

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NOMINATION FORM**

Award Category: _____

Organization Nominated: _____

President/CEO of Nominated Organization: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

Nominee's Phone Number: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Your Name & Company: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Please answer the following questions (300-500 words each):

What standards of excellence and innovative business practices help define this nominee's success? Describe the resulting growth.

How does this nominee give back to the community? Describe the impact this work has had on others.

What other qualities make this organization worthy of this award?

All nominations must be submitted to Sharon.kihn@chesapeakechamber.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023. Please type "Awards Nomination" in the subject line of the email.

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM**

Individual Nominated: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

Nominee's Phone Number: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Please answer the following questions (300-500 words each):

How has the nominee demonstrated active citizenship, leadership on a community issue, and enhancement of community life?

What impact has this had on others?

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