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Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Seeking Award Nominations

Gettysburg, Pa. – The Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce, Adams County’s oldest and largest business organization, is seeking nominations of its member businesses for several prestigious awards. Nominations are due April 7.

Nominations are accepted for Best Small Place to Work in Adams County, Educator of the Year, Environmental Stewardship, Family Owned Business, Minority Owned Business, Small Business Person of the Year and Young Business Leader. Self-nominations are encouraged.

The awards are presented during the chamber’s Awards Breakfast at 7 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, at the Dobbin House in Gettysburg.

For nomination forms, visit www.gettysburg-chamber.org and click on “News & Programs” then “Nomination Forms.”

The [Best Small Place to Work in Adams County](#) award recognizes businesses that demonstrate leadership in strong business planning, strategy implementation and monitoring, quality customer service, good staff development systems, innovative concepts and overall business growth. Businesses should strive to improve the quality of life for employees. Eligible businesses are located in Adams County, have between one and 30 employees and have been in business for three or more years. Nominee must be a chamber member.

The [Educator of the Year](#) award recognizes educators who inspire the love of learning in students of all backgrounds, work with various business and community agencies and play an active role in the community. Nominees must work in an Adams County educational system and have been involved in education for at least three years.

The [Environmental Stewardship](#) award honors area businesses, industries or organizations that have implemented programs or projects that have had a positive environmental impact on Adams County. Nominations should demonstrate how innovative projects have improved the environment. The business must be located in Adams County to be eligible for the award but need not be a chamber member.

Nominees for the [Family Owned Business](#) award must be a family owned and operated business that has been passed from one generation to the next with a 15-year track record of success. Nominees will be judged on success in sales, profits and growth of service; increased employment opportunities; potential for long-term business success; and efforts to strengthen family owned businesses in Adams County. Nominee must be a chamber member.

The [Minority Business](#) award honors an individual owner or manager with a three-year track record. Eligible minority groups include, but are not limited to, African American, Hispanic, Latino or women.

Nominees will be judged on success in sales, profits and growth of service; increased employment opportunities; potential for long-term business success; and efforts to advocate for minority small business interests. Nominee must be a chamber member.

The **Small Business Person of the Year** award recognizes a business man or woman who best represents the principles of the chamber in business success, personal achievement and community service. Successful nominations show business history and growth, evidence of business innovation, challenges overcome and community involvement. Nominee must be a chamber member.

The **Young Business Leader** award is presented to a majority owner and principal operator of a business with a three-year track record who will not have reached the age of 39 by May 11, 2017. Nominees will be judged on success in sales, profits and growth of service; increased employment opportunities; development and utilization of creative business methods; and potential for long-term business success and economic growth. Nominee must be a chamber member.

The chamber's Awards Committee will review and evaluate all nominations based on the award criteria, written narrative and supporting evidence. All nominations will be treated as confidential but may not be anonymous.

The chamber supports the Adams County business community by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, networking and information. Nearly 530 local businesses and organizations are members. For more information, visit www.gettysburg-chamber.org.

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