



BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Business Excellence Awards Application

Eligibility: All nominees must be members of the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce to qualify. Members may nominate any qualifying business, including their own.

Timeline: Submission date for nominations is **Thursday, March 29, 2018**. The presentation will take place during the Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community.

Award Selection: The chamber's Awards Committee will review and evaluate all nominations based upon the criteria provided by the nominated business/organization. Selection will be based on the brief written narrative provided by the nominator and supporting evidence provided by the nominee. Nominations submitted are not required to provide or reveal proprietary information, though all information received will be treated as confidential.

Award Categories

Adams County Educator of the Year

This award honors an educator who possesses the ability to inspire the love of learning in students of all backgrounds.

- Criteria:**
- Nominees must be involved in the Adams County education system for 3 or more years
 - Evidence of ability to work with a variety of public agencies/businesses in the community
 - Increased cooperation with fellow professionals
 - Demonstrate an active role in the Adams County community

Environmental Stewardship

This award honors area businesses, industries or organizations that have implemented programs or projects that have had a positive environmental impact on the Adams County area.

- Criteria:**
- Demonstrate the impact to the environment, its significance and what resources were conserved
 - Evidence of long-term economic vitality
 - Increased implementation of environmental principles and standards into mission/vision, policies or philosophies

Family Owned Business

This award honors a family owned and operated business that has been passed from one generation to the next.

- Criteria:**
- Business must have at least a 15 year track record of success
 - Evidence of success as measured by one or more of the following points: sales, profits, growth of service/community members served or other measurables you have identified in your goals
 - Increased ability to retain talent and foster growth within their workforce
 - Demonstrate potential for long-term business success and economic growth
 - Voluntary efforts to strengthen family owned businesses in Adams County

Nonprofit of the Year

This award honors a nonprofit organization that made notable impact on the quality of life for those who live and work in Adams County.

- Criteria:**
- Evidence of direct services provided
 - Demonstrate the ways they impact individuals and creativity in delivery of services
 - Increased strategies that guarantee the stability and sustainability of the organization
 - Demonstrate innovative ways that gaps in current community needs are being fulfilled

Small Business Person of the Year

This award honors a business man or woman who best represents the principles of the chamber of commerce in business success, personal achievement and community service.

- Criteria:**
- Nominees must own or manage a for-profit business with fewer than 50 full-time employees
 - Evidence of proven growth strategies and outcomes
 - Increased growth and ability to retain talent within their workforce
 - Demonstrate the ability to take risks and overcome challenges
 - Engagement in the Adams County community

Nomination Process

1. Complete the form below
2. In 100 words or less, explain why the business/organization that you are nominating is eligible for the respective award
3. Submit before **March 29, 2018** to:
Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce
1382 Biglerville Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
info@gettysburg-chamber.org
FAX 717.334.3368

***Note: nominees will be contacted by the chamber office to submit a detailed narrative outlining their ability to meet all criteria**

Nominator Information

Your Name _____

Business/Organization _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Nominee Information

Name _____

Business/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Eligible Award Categories

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adams County Educator of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Owned Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Person of the Year | |
