

Help us to celebrate the best in Kingston business! The Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Kingston's 2017 Business Achievement Awards.

BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION

Nominations can be sent in by: email to events@kingstonchamber.ca, fax (613-548-4743), mail or hand delivery by Friday, August 25th, 2017 at Noon.

Please Indicate One Award Category

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Person of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> New Business of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business of the Year (Small 1-10 employees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism/Hospitality Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business of the Year (Medium 11-34 employees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Entrepreneur of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business of the Year (Large 35+ employees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation Award of the Year |

* See reverse side for nomination criteria.

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name: _____

Business/Association: _____

Telephone: _____

I am nominating the above person/business for a Business Achievement Award for the following reason(s):

- I would be available to assist my nominee in completing his/her nomination questionnaire, if requested by the nominee.

I have reviewed the eligibility requirements (see reverse) and to the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information provided is accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return nomination form to:
Business Achievement Awards

Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce
c/o Innovation Park, 945 Princess St. Suite 102 Kingston, Ontario, K7L 0E9

2017 Outstanding Business Achievement Awards Categories

Nominees do *not* have to be members of the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce.

Winners of the Business Achievement Awards will be announced on Thursday, November 2nd, 2017 at the Chair's Gala.

Business Person of the Year:

This prestigious award is intended to publicly recognize a local business person who has demonstrated a continued passion for excellence and leadership in the Greater Kingston business community. This individual has shown commitment to local economic development, innovation, positive employee relations, customer service, business ethics and community involvement. At the time of nomination, the nominee must have been in business for at least 3 years.

Business of the Year Small (1-10 employees) Medium (11-34 employees) Large (35+ employees)

These awards acknowledge Kingston businesses that have demonstrated responsible business leadership. These businesses have shown commitment to local economic development, positive employee relations, company innovation and growth, business ethics and support of the local community, and may have experienced great success or growth in the past year. At the time of nomination, the nominee must have been in business for at least 3 years.

Tourism/Hospitality Award:

This award recognizes the active role of the nominee in the development of the local tourism/hospitality industry, as well as making Kingston a better place to visit. The nominee will have demonstrated positive employee and customer service relations, business standards and ethics and innovative practices and marketing initiatives to draw visitors to Kingston. At the time of nomination, the nominee must have been in business for at least 18 months.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award:

This award honours the contributions that young entrepreneurs make to the Kingston business community and the local economy. Nominees must be individuals aged 18-40 and be the owner of a business located in the Greater Kingston area. At the time of nomination, the nominee must have been in business for at least 18 months.

Innovation Award:

This award honours businesses that have shown groundbreaking achievements in bringing innovation to the market. This could include: improving work processes, business concept development, product creation, operational effectiveness or customer engagement. This award celebrates the ideas that have the greatest impact in shaping a sector or industry. At the time of nomination, the nominee must have been in business for at least 18 months.

New Business of the Year Award:

This award recognizes a new business that demonstrates outstanding achievement and gained and expanding positive reputation. The business has shown the commitment to ensure customer satisfaction and maintain quality strategy undertaken to improve upon products/service quality and customer satisfaction in the last year. At the time of nomination, the nominee must have been in business for at least 18 months and no more than three years.

- ❖ **Nominations must be received at the Chamber office by Friday, August 25th, 2017 at Noon, (no exceptions).**
- ❖ **All nominees must confirm acceptance of their nomination and complete and return a questionnaire by noon on September 14th to assist the awards jury. Failure to do so will make the nomination null & void.**
- ❖ **Nominees may seek assistance from nominators, employees or others (with the exception of Chamber staff, board or jury members) in the completion of their questionnaire.**
- ❖ **With their written submissions, nominees are requested to submit a print or electronic photograph to be used for promotional purposes.**
- ❖ **Nominees can only let their name stand in one award category.**
- ❖ **An individual/company who has won an award in any of the categories in the last three years is not eligible to be nominated.**
- ❖ **Nominations by an employee of the business are permitted.**
- ❖ **An independent jury will select winners from all completed submissions received.**
- ❖ **The Kingston Chamber of Commerce staff/board does not review or score the submissions.**

The 22nd Annual Business Achievement Awards winners will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce Chair's Gala on Thursday, November 2nd, 2017 at the Ramada Kingston Hotel & Conference Centre.

For information on the 2017 Business Achievement Awards Gala, contact Dana Betournay at the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce, 613-548-4453 ext. 1000 or events@kingstonchamber.ca