

**2022 ANNUAL CHAMBER AWARDS
CATEGORIES & NOMINEES**



AUGUST 27, 2022 GALA PRESENTATIONS

PIVOT Award:

This award will honor the ELCC member business that has best shown resilience and creativity during the past year, pivoting to re-create or enhance their current business to accommodate changes including COVID-19 and Current Economic situations.

- Please describe the/your original business and original mission statement.
- Please describe how the/your business practices were changed during the past year.
- What additional services were the business/you able to offer during the past year?
- Please describe if these changes will be permanent or what changes you/the business will maintain after COVID-19 and the current Economic situations.
- Is there anything additional the Selection Committee should know?

Employer of the Year Award:

Must be in business for a minimum of 2 years and a minimum of 2 employees. Recognizes outstanding achievement as an Employer in some or all of the following: Employee Relations and Training, Workplace Culture & Values, Community Involvement, Environmental Awareness and Innovative Encouragement for Employees.

- Please describe your/the business and mission statement
- Please describe your/the process for employee training, your/the workplace culture and values and employee relations guidelines you/the business have in place
- Please describe your/the business' community involvement and how you/the business encourage your employees to be involved
- Is there anything additional the Selection Committee should know?

New Business of the Year Award:

Must be in business for a minimum of 1 year and less than 3 years. Recognizes outstanding achievement as a new business in some or all of the following: Research & Development, Company Growth, Products & Services, Market Development, Sales & Marketing, Community Service.

- Please describe your/the business and mission statement
- How long has your/the company been in business, please describe how your/the company has grown since opening
- Please tell us about your/the business' products and/or services, your/business' sales and marketing initiatives and how these initiatives were developed in your/the business' market
- Please describe your/the business' community service
- Is there anything additional the Selection Committee should know?

Business of the Year Award:

Must be in business for at least 3 years. Recognizes outstanding achievement in some or all of the following: Research & Development, Company Growth, Products & Services, Market Development, Sales & Marketing, Community Service.

- Please describe your/the business and mission statement
- How long has your/the company been in business, please describe how your/the company has grown since opening
- Please tell us about your/the business' products and/or services, sales and marketing initiatives and how you/the business developed your/the business' market
- Please describe your/the business' community service
- Is there anything additional the Selection Committee should know?

Innovation of the Year Award:

Must be in business for at least 2 years. Recognizes the successful introduction of an idea, process or initiative that has been proven to make a genuine difference or positive impact on an organization or the community. Non-Profits are eligible.

- Please describe your/the business and mission statement
- Please describe the idea, process or initiative that has made a difference or positive impact on an organization or the community
- How long your/the company has been in business
- Is there anything additional the Selection Committee should know?

Non-Profit of the Year Award:

Must have been in operation for at least 3 years. Recognizes a registered Non-Profit {501(c)(3)} or Not-For-Profit {501(c)(6)} organization which has exceptional community service and leadership: Broadened Education of their Service, Innovative Services, Community Involvement, Promotes Volunteerism, Positive Contribution to Society, Social & Community Advancements.

- Please describe your/the organization and mission statement.
- Who is your/the organization's target audience?
- Please describe how you/the organization have/has served the community through education and services.
- Please describe your/the organization's involvement in the community
- Please describe how you/the organization have/has advanced initiatives and contributions.
- Please describe your/the organization's volunteer opportunities and how you/the organization has promoted them.
- Is there anything additional the Selection Committee should know?

Entrepreneur of the Year Award:

Must be in business for at least 2 years. Recognizes an **INDIVIDUAL** who demonstrates innovations in some or all of the following: Research & Development, Company Growth, Products & Services, Creative Business Initiatives, Sales & Marketing, Community Service.

- Please describe your/the business and mission statement.
- How have you/the individual personally demonstrated innovations in any of the above categories?
- How long has your/the company been in business?
- How has your/the individual's innovation impacted the community?
- Is there anything additional the Selection Committee should know?

Professional Services Business of the Year Award:

Must have been in business for at least 2 years. This business must exemplify professionalism and integrity. This category includes, but is not limited to, law, medical, dental, accounting, financial, insurance, real estate and other professional service providers. Recognized for outstanding achievements in some or all of the following: Company Growth, Customer Service, Market Development, Sales & Marketing, Community Service.

- Please describe your/the company and mission statement.
- How many years have you/the company been in business?
- Please provide your/the business' highlights for company growth, market development, sales and marketing initiatives and customer service.
- Please describe your/the business/ community service.
- Is there anything additional the Selection Committee should know?

Young Professional of the Year Award (35 & Under):

Nominee must be born on or after January 1, 1986 with one (1) or more years of professional experience in their current career.

An employee may be nominated.

Recognizes excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession in some or all of the following: Company Growth, Sales & Marketing, Customer Service, Community Service and is a role model for other young people personally & professionally.