

Yarmouth & Area Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Nomination Criteria

Small Business of the Year (1-10 employees) Medium Business of the Year (11-30 employees) Large Business of the Year (31+ employees)

Summary: *This nominee can be from any industry and meets the criteria for; supporting the community, has shown growth and innovation in its business area, and has had a positive impact on the local economy.*

Other: Nominated business must have full and part time employees not exceeding the outlined parameters

Rising Star of the Year Award:

Summary: *This is awarded to a locally owned business that is three years old or less, or has had a new owner within the past 3 years, and has shown innovation, and/or growth and success within our business community.*

Other:

- Nominees must have been established and operating November 2013 or after.
- Nominees cannot be an expansion of an existing business or a new location of existing business

Export Achievement Award:

Summary: *This award recognizes a business that has demonstrated success in exporting goods or services and expanding its markets to areas outside the local (provincially or nationally) economy.*

Community Impact Award:

Summary: *This award honors a business that has demonstrated exceptional public spirit through active staff participation in our community. The nominee will have shown its support for our community through sponsorships and charitable initiatives, or by monetary and/or in-kind contributions.*

Other: The Community Impact Award should be awarded to the business whose community investments have yielded significant social return on investment

Customer Service of the Year Award:

Summary: *This award is presented to a business and/or individual, which demonstrates excellence in customer service and has gone above and beyond what is required in their position.*

Hospitality & Tourism Award:

Summary: *This business or individual has shown outstanding ability to promote and enrich the economic well-being of our area as an ambassador. The nominee puts effort into attracting (and/or hosting) visitors to Yarmouth and surrounding areas by promoting our many unique and diversified attractions.*

Employee of the Year:

Summary: *This award will go to an individual who has shown an outstanding loyalty, customer service, inspires others, has a passion for their job, and tries to make the workplace better for all employees.*

Boss of the Year:

Summary: *This award recognizes business owners and managers whose management style has differentiated them from the competition. They have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the workplace that goes above and beyond for their employees while valuing productivity and customer service.*

Other Criteria Applicable to all Nominees:

- All nominees must accept their nomination and be briefed and approve the judging process
- All nominees agree to have their picture and/or business logo displayed in press and at the ceremony
- Nominated businesses must be a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation based and operating in the Tri-County Area.

