

Nomination Process

Please take advantage of our simplified nomination process – complete the nomination online or download the form and submit by email or hardcopy.

Step 1: Submit your nominee name

Step 2: Select an Award

Step 3: Tell us why you think they deserve to win.

Step 4: Provide two supporting nominators

- All nominations received before the deadline shall be forwarded to the Nomination Committee for review.
- After the initial screening process, nominees are then asked to complete a nominee application.
- A judging panel, comprised of five past presidents, will adjudicate the applications and select a recommended award recipient for each category to be voted on by the Chamber Board of Directors.
- All awards will be presented to the recipients at the Annual Awards Gala Dinner in March.
- All information provided to the nomination committee and judging panel is kept confidential.
- The Selection Committee, if it deems appropriate, may recommend that an award not be presented when there are no qualified candidates.
- Nominees may be asked to be interviewed regarding the award

Eligibility

Nominees must be a Brandon Chamber of Commerce member in good standing.

Current Board Directors, award nomination committee members, jury panelists and members and immediate family of previously said are ineligible from being nominated for an award.

Nominees cannot have served on the board for a minimum of 2 years.

Award Criteria

Business Person of the Year

This award recognizes a business person that exemplifies outstanding business practices and achievements, which demonstrates leadership, vision, and the creation of economic growth, while contributing to the community. This award recognizes individuals who are at the peak of their career.

CRITERIA: The nominee will have demonstrated excellence in as many of the applicable areas below:

- A model for business excellence
- Demonstrated leadership and vision
- Demonstrated a high standard of ethical practices and professionalism
- Invested in Brandon
- Nominee's success created employment in Brandon
- Nominee's success benefited other businesses in Brandon
- Volunteered their service to the community

Please note that businesses or individuals can self-nominate for all awards except the Business Person of the Year.

Lifetime Business Builder

This award recognizes an individual who have successfully achieved, toiled and contributed to Brandon's success through a lifetime commitment to business and community service.

CRITERIA: The nominee will have established a legacy in a lifetime achievement in business and community service in as many of the applicable areas listed below:

- Business achievement and growth
- Employment growth
- Contribution to the industry and community
- Overall positive impact on community through spirit, drive and vision
- Created a legacy in business
- Volunteer service and leadership

This award is differentiated from Business Person of the Year in that it recognizes those who have finished/are finishing their business careers as opposed to those at their peak.

Business Excellence

This award honors a business that demonstrates continual business excellence through positive business growth exemplifies superior customer service and embraces an outstanding commitment to quality. Nominees must have been in business for 5+ years.

CRITERIA: Nominees will have demonstrated excellence and commitment to quality in as many of the applicable areas listed below:

- A mission statement, vision, or goal setting for the business
- Exceptional customer service philosophy and practices
- Product service offerings
- Positive business growth
- Perseverance through challenges
- Change management

Outstanding New Business

This award recognizes the accomplishments of a business owner who has succeeded through innovation and risk-taking or achieved success in introducing new products or services or growing an existing product line through a unique approach. The nominees must have been in business for 1-5 years.

CRITERIA: The nominee will have demonstrated innovation in as many of the applicable areas below:

- Unique product or service
- Operations
- Marketing
- Selling locally or exporting
- Employee attraction and retention
- Business systems
- Customer service
- Overcoming adversity

Community Service

This award recognizes an individual or business for outstanding community service to business and community endeavors and has contributed to the well-being of the community as a whole.

CRITERIA: This nominee will have volunteered their service to the community and demonstrated leadership, dedication and contribution in the following applicable key areas:

- Civic – volunteer activity and leadership working for the progress of the entire community. (i.e. Canada Games, Museum Boards, BU, ACC)
- Community – volunteer activity that is philanthropic. (i.e..Helping Hands, Kinsmen etc.)
- Business – volunteer activity involving business. (i.e. Renaissance Brandon, Industry associations etc.)