



Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce

Annual Meeting & Awards 2025 Nomination Form

Help us recognize successful businesses in the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce area. **Please indicate your award choice for the business, organization, or individual you are nominating. Nominations are due by January 7, 2026.** (Nominations are being accepted for the following awards).

☐ Large Business of the Year

Criteria used in the Selection Process:

- Economic impact on the community (employment growth)
- Expansion of business facility or products/services (business growth)
- Dedication to customer service
- Community service and leadership
- Innovative efforts used to adapt to marketplace change
- Must be a business enterprise for at least three years
- Must be a Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Investor
- Has not received the award in the past four years
(2021-Cobblestone Hotel, 2022-Herman Taylor Funeral Home, 2023-Domtar, 2024-Paper City Savings Bank)

☐ Innovative Business of the Year

Criteria used in the Selection Process:

- Business investment in new processes
- Commitment to new product or service development
- Creates culture of innovation
- Innovative efforts used to adapt to marketplace change
- Must be a business enterprise for at least three years
- Must be a Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Investor
- Has not received the award in the past four years
(2021-Mid-State Technical College and Aspirus, 2022-Event City Design, 2023-Jacoby Custom Cues, 2024-Chat-R-Box Catering)

☐ Entrepreneur/Small Business of the Year

Criteria used in the Selection Process:

- 10 or fewer employees
- Initiated economic growth
- Community service and leadership
- Innovative efforts used to adapt to marketplace change
- Must be an entrepreneur/developer for at least two years
- Must be a Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Investor
- Has not received the award in the past 4 years
(2021-Loyal Phant Market, 2022-Out of the Box Coffee House, 2023-Quality Plus Printing, 2024- I Heart Art Studios)

☐ Community Impact of the Year

Criteria used in the Selection Process:

- Non-Profit/Service Organization or public institution
- Dedication to community service and leadership
- Innovative programs and services to adapt to the changing community needs
- Must be a business enterprise for at three years
- Must be a Heart of Wisconsin Chamber Investor
- Has not received the award in the past four years
(2021-Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, 2022-Warm the Heart & Buckley Baldwin VFW Post #2534, 2023-Miss Wisconsin Rapids Scholarship Organization, 2024-United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties)

☐ Business Professional of the Year

Criteria used in the Selection Process:

- Demonstrated outstanding volunteer spirits
- Shows community service and leadership
- An individual who works for a Heart of Wisconsin Chamber Investor business
- Made a significant impact in the community
- Has not received the award in the past four years
(2021-Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings, 2021-Allison Hewett, 2022-Colton Kissinger, 2023-Skye Manning, 2024-Dan McCarville)

Please turn over for more award information



Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Why am I nominating this business/business professional for selected award?

(attach separate sheet if necessary) ...

How does this business/business professional meet the selected award criteria?

(attach separate sheet if necessary) ...

Nominated by: _____ Business: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please note:

- All nomination forms are confidentially reviewed.
- Winners announced at the Heart of Wisconsin Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

Return nomination forms to:

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