

On September 24, 2008 at its Annual Meeting, the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce will honor those individuals and organizations that have distinguished themselves through outstanding volunteerism, accomplishments and contributions within our community. This is *your* opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations in our community that excel by paving the way for improvement, change and dynamic community presence.

**Directions:**

- Please provide all information to the best of your ability and submit this cover sheet with your award nomination.
- Please consult the Awards Criteria form to see what information we are seeking for each award category and provide us the requested information on a separate sheet. Please keep your nomination as brief as possible while still addressing all criteria.
- If you do not know enough details to address all award criteria, **please still submit your partially-completed nomination** including whatever information you do know. If time permits, additional information may be requested from the individual or business being nominated before the committee considers their nomination.
- Self nominations are welcome.
- If you wish to submit a nomination form for more than one category or for more than one nominee, please complete a separate form for each.
- All nominations should be typed and submitted by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2008.**

**Award Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/St./Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/St./Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2008**

***CELEBRATING BETTER BUSINESS. BETTER COMMUNITY.***

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

*Recognizes individuals who have had an immeasurable impact on our community over a sustained period.*

**Criteria:**

- Give specific examples of what an individual has done throughout his/her life that has had a **positive impact** on our community.
- Detail the **benefits the community has realized** as a result of this individual's efforts and service.
- Present evidence of public or community service participation for the betterment of our **community not related to career responsibilities**.
- Give examples of the individual's **excellence in business** and contributions to the community.

**Business of the Year Awards**

*Recognizes businesses in three different categories that have evidence of growth relative to the rest of the industry in employees, sales volume, and profitability.*

*Categories include: Small Business (1-10 employees), Medium Business (11-50 employees), and Large Business (51+ employees).*

**Criteria:**

- Please indicate **which of the three categories** listed above best summarizes this business's size.
- Describe the **company's history** including how and when it started, by whom, major changes, etc.
- Detail the company's growth pattern in terms of number of employees, sales volume and/or gross revenue, new locations, and expanded or enhanced services, as well as **expectations for future growth**.
- Provide examples of **challenges** and how they were or plan to be overcome.
- Provide examples of any **unique or innovative aspects** of the business.

**Trailblazer through Technology Award**

*Recognizes businesses that demonstrate business innovation, that enhance the Bloomington community, and that serve as model companies from which others can learn.*

**Criteria:**

- Give examples of this company's **willingness to make meaningful changes** to improve on their services, programs, processes, and operations.
- Provide examples of this company's integration of "innovation" into its **daily work environment**.
- Give examples of this company's innovation through the implementation of new technology, resulting in increasing **efficiency and effectiveness, sales, revenue, and profitability**.
- Provide evidence this organization has **inspired others** to adopt similar practices in other companies by sharing details of their technological programs and operations enhancements.

### **Visionary Award**

*Recognizes government leaders for special contributions or achievements that improve Bloomington's business climate through a vision of true resourcefulness, innovation, and accomplishment.*

#### **Criteria:**

- Provide examples of this individual's **resourcefulness, contributions to and/or achievements** in the Bloomington community that have improved the local business climate.
- Address the **approaches** this leader has undertaken to achieve success in government-business partnerships and/or issues.
- Describe the **results realized** as a result of this individual's service and dedication in the community.

### **Community Enhancement Award**

*Recognizes organizations that have contributed to the enhancement of Bloomington's community image and economic environment while making a positive impact on the community.*

#### **Criteria:**

- Discuss the **project accomplished** by this organization. Provide details about the scope of the project, location, timeline, and budget.
- Address **particular obstacles that had to be overcome** for this project to be successful.
- Detail how this project has made a powerful, positive impact on the surrounding community.
- Address the amount of money, in-kind goods and services donated or hours worked towards community **philanthropy**. What results have resulted from those contributions?

### **Lloyd Olcott Community Service Award**

*Recognizes individuals or businesses that provide outstanding community service and foster a spirit of volunteerism.*

#### **Criteria:**

- Detail the ways in which this individual or organization has **served the community** through volunteerism. Please include details such as focus, populations served, length of service and frequency of the service.
- Provide examples of **exemplary actions or leadership skills exhibited** by this individual or organization.
- Present evidence of the **positive impact** their volunteerism has had on our local community.
- Describe how this individual or organization has **inspired others to volunteer** through their actions.

### **Family-Friendly Award**

*Recognizes businesses that excel in creating flexible, friendly and enjoyable workplaces.*

#### **Criteria:**

- Describe how this organization **recognizes the dual responsibilities** that their employees have to their families and to their jobs, and offers strong support to help employees balance those responsibilities.
- Detail the organization's **benefits, policies and programs** that allow employees to more easily balance their personal lives with their career responsibilities.
- Provide examples of any **unique or innovative aspects** of those benefits, policies and programs and note how easily they can be adapted for use in other businesses throughout the community.
- Describe how this organization **supports or sponsors community programs** and initiatives that benefit children and working families.

### **Healthy Business Award**

*Recognizes organizations for investing in the health of their employees and therefore the health of our community.*

#### **Criteria:**

- Describe what this organization has done to **instill healthy workplace principles** in the organization's culture as well as in all employees.
- Detail this organization's **benefits, policies and programs** that support and promote healthy workplace principles.
- Note wherever possible any **unique or innovative aspect** of this organization's benefits, policies and programs.
- Describe the **outcomes realized** through this organization's efforts to promote healthy workplace principles. Examples might be from anecdotal stories or through letters of support from employees who have benefited directly from their efforts.
- Provide evidence this organization has **inspired healthy business practices in other organizations** by sharing details of their successful health-related programs.

### **Workforce Development Award**

*Recognizes individuals or organizations that have created opportunities for industry-specific education, training and/or mentoring, and/or general career-exploration activities that help to strengthen and develop Bloomington's current and future workforce.*

#### **Criteria:**

- Give **examples of contributions** this individual or organization has made that enhance the vitality of our local workforce and help create new jobs and opportunities, advance local industries, and/or revitalize sectors of our community.
- Detail the **educational, training, and/or mentoring support** and programming offered by this individual or organization.
- Note any **unique or innovative aspect** of the educational/training and/or mentoring support and programming offered by this individual or organization.
- Describe the **results realized** from this individual or organization's actions in terms of enhancing and supporting our future workforce.

### **Chamber's Franklin Initiative Golden Key Award**

*Recognizes individuals or businesses that demonstrate outstanding service and dedication to the Chamber's Franklin Initiative and to the Monroe County youth through exemplary volunteer participation in our local schools.*

#### **Criteria:**

- Describe the involvement of this individual or business with the Chamber's Franklin Initiative, including details about their **length of service** and **frequency of support**.
- Describe how this individual or business has **provided resources** or **leadership** for the Chamber's Franklin Initiative.
- Describe how they have produced **positive results** for youth served by the Chamber's Franklin Initiative and/or teachers and administrators connected to the program.

**Environmental Award**

*Recognizes organizations for their sound environmental preservation actions and practices in business.*

**Criteria:**

- Provide evidence of this company's **commitment to environmental good practice** through corporate policies and initiatives, employee programs and/or community clean-up initiatives.
- Present details of **environmental goals** such as waste minimization, recycling, and/or energy efficiency, clean air, fleet emissions regulation and/or water conservation actions, proposals planned or in practice.
- Give examples of how an environmentally responsible approach has **helped the business prosper** through cost savings, increased sales, and enhanced service delivery.
- Provide evidence this organization has **inspired environmental consciousness in other organizations** by sharing details of their environmental-friendly programs.

**Nancy Howard Diversity Award**

*Recognizes organizations that demonstrate a commitment to attracting a diverse workforce and maintaining an environment in which all can be successful.*

**Criteria:**

- Present evidence of what the organization does to create and foster a **comfortable and welcoming workplace** for all of its employees.
- Give examples of **commitments** made to the principles of business and the practice of a diverse workforce.
- Detail **specific benefits, programs and/or initiatives** that have been implemented in recent years to strengthen the organization's commitment to embracing and celebrating diversity.
- Provide evidence this organization has **inspired others** by sharing details of their diversity-building programs and efforts.

**Diane Breeden-Lee Catalyst Award**

*Recognizes individuals who demonstrate an ability to create consensus and motivate others to accomplish a greater goal.*

**Criteria:**

- Describe how this individual has **motivated others** to accomplish a greater goal, noting what actions were done through volunteer work and/or which were done as part of their responsibilities with their employer.
- Detail some of the projects and initiatives **led by** this individual, as well as **the impact** they had on their business and/or the greater community.
- Provide examples of the **barriers that were overcome** under this person's leadership. What effect did those actions have on the larger goal?
- Provide evidence this individual **served as a role model** or an inspiration to others in the community.