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AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Non-Live Voting Categories

In this category, each award has one winner. The winner of each award is announced prior to the Kenney Awards.

Business Person of the Year

This prestigious award recognizes an individual who has made a remarkable impact through their professional leadership, vision, and dedication to the Kennebec Valley business community. The recipient is a role model for ethical business practices and has been instrumental in shaping the success of their industry and region.

CYNERGY Emerging Professional Award

This award recognizes an outstanding professional who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and commitment to both their career and the Kennebec Valley community. The recipient of this award has shown promise in driving positive change and setting a strong example for future leaders in our region.

Small Business of the Year

This award honors a small business (fewer than 15 employees) that has shown excellence in growth, customer service, innovation, and community involvement. The recipient demonstrates the core values of entrepreneurship, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to Kennebec Valley's local economy and culture.

Large Business of the Year

This award recognizes a large business (15 or more employees) for its significant impact on the local economy and community. The winner has demonstrated leadership in both business excellence and social responsibility, while fostering a positive workplace culture and contributing to the region's economic development.

Live Voting Categories

In this category, each award has three finalists announced prior to the ceremony. The winner of each award is chosen through live voting at the Kenney Awards!

Non-Profit of the Year

This award honors a non-profit organization in Kennebec Valley that has demonstrated outstanding service, innovation, and leadership in meeting the needs of our community. With its efforts, the recipient has made a significant difference in the lives of others, showing exceptional commitment to advancing social good.

Heartbeat of the Community Award

This award celebrates a business in Kennebec Valley that exemplifies the heart and spirit of our community. The winner is a business that not only excels in its industry but also actively contributes to the well-being and vibrancy of the region. Through charitable work, volunteerism, and community engagement, they help make Kennebec Valley a better place to live and work.

Beacon of the Valley Award

This award honors an individual whose leadership and dedication serve as a guiding light for the Kennebec Valley. Through advocacy, volunteerism, and a deep commitment to the community, this honoree has made a lasting impact—driving progress and helping to build a stronger, more





OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

I NOMINATE: _____

FROM (company)_____

FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARD/FINALIST (please circle one):

Small Business of the Year Award

Non-Profit of the Year Award

Large Business of the Year Award

Heartbeat of the Community Award

Business Person of the Year Award

Beacon of the Valley Award

CYNERGY Emerging Professional Award

Qualifications for Award (Please describe why you believe this person/organization deserves the above mentioned award):

Should you have any questions about my nomination, please contact me:

NAME:_____

COMPANY:_____

PHONE:_____E-MAIL:_____

Return to info@kennebecvalleychamber.com by August 29th, 2025

If you have any questions, please give us a call!

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All nominees must work or reside in the Kennebec Valley Chamber area:

Augusta, Belgrade, Chelsea, Dresden, Farmingdale, Fayette, Gardiner, Hallowell, Jefferson,
Litchfield, Manchester, Monmouth, Mt. Vernon, Pittston, Randolph, Readfield, Richmond, Somerville,
Wayne, West Gardiner, Whitefield, Windsor, Winthrop

You are welcome to submit multiple nominations, but each must have their own form.