



Biddeford+Saco Chamber Turns 90 in October and We're Celebrating!!

The Chamber is holding it's 90th Anniversary Celebration.

- **Saturday, October 14**
- 5:30 pm – 9 pm
- @ Thornton Academy

The event will include a Keynote Speaker, Business Awards, Silent Auction, Dinner, Cash Bar, entertainment and more. Please save the date. More details TBA soon.

As part of the Business Awards ceremony we are soliciting nominees from the public. Attached is the award categories, criteria and nomination form. Submittal deadline is Aug. 15.

The nominee must be an active Chamber member. Anyone can nominate a business, and we accept self-nominations. The nominating person or entity is not made public.

There will be an Awards Nomination Committee made up of a diverse group of 10 chamber members, who will narrow the applicants to three and select a winner. The three nominees in each category will be announced prior to the event. The winners will be announced at the event.

Please joins us in celebrating the Chamber's longstanding role in the Biddeford+Saco business community and those Chamber businesses who have gone the extra mile.

For more information contact PJ@biddefordsacochamber.org or call 282-1567



BIDDEFORD+SACO CHAMBER BUSINESS AWARDS 2017 NOMINATION CRITERIA

ALL NOMINEES MUST BE A CHAMBER MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- Be a 2nd-generation or older family-owned company, whose leadership has been passed from one generation to another.
- Demonstrates excellence in their industry
- Quality customer service
- Supportive work environment
- Provide brief company story/history and highlight the impact of most-recent generation.
- Provide three (3) reasons as to why company will still be thriving through next generation.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

- Opened in the past 2 years
- Demonstrated growth since opening
- Demonstrates strong entrepreneurial mindset: creative approaches, willingness to take risks, engages others, faces ambiguity with enthusiasm, leads others to new achievements
- Has started at least one venture that was very successful and/or any current ventures they are engaged in is recognized as a success

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (25 employees or less)

- Be independently owned and operated
- Demonstrates excellence in field of expertise
- Tangible business growth/improvements
- Quality customer service
- Supportive work environment

LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (over 25 employees)

- Demonstrates excellence in their field
- Tangible business growth/improvements
- Quality customer service
- Supportive work environment
- Employee-encouraged community service

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD (any size business)

- Demonstrates excellence in field of expertise
- Tangible business growth/improvements/prosperity/sustainability
- Contributes and promotes the economic growth, stability and improvement in the area which the chamber serves.
- Leadership role in civic and charitable activities
- Quality customer service
- Supportive work environment
- Use of local business resources (using local goods, services, etc.)
- Demonstrates it stands out from the crowd



BIDDEFORD+SACO CHAMBER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 14

BUSINESS AWARDS 2017 NOMINATION FORM

SUBMIT TO CHAMBER BY AUG. 15

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Year Founded: _____

Website: _____ # of Employees: _____

Principle product or service: _____

Locations of operations and markets covered: _____

Owners/Titles: _____

Person Nominating candidate:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Category (please check one): Review nomination criteria

- ☐ Family-owned Business of the Year
- ☐ Excellence in Entrepreneurship
- ☐ Small Business of the Year (25 or less)
- ☐ Large Business of the Year
- ☐ Business Excellence Award (any size company)

Fill out Page 2: A brief history of business and why the nominee meets the criteria (250 words limit)

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*Please provide a brief history of business and why it meets the criteria
(250 word limit)*

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Nomination Deadline Aug. 15, 2017

Mail forms to:
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