



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

*The Chamber is holding it's 90<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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)



# BIDDEFORD+SACO CHAMBER AWARDS

## 2017 NOMINATION FORM

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

**Nomination Deadline Aug. 15, 2017**

Mail forms to:  
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Email forms to:  
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