

Achievement in Business Awards 2026

SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Nomination Deadline: March 9, 2026

Completed form and supporting materials should be returned to Erin Hiles | erin@barreninc.com

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Title & Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Personal or
Office Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Is the nominee available March 26th, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. to
11:30 a.m. for the Achievement in Business Awards News
Conference?

Yes

No

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Is the nominee available May 7th, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. to
1:30 p.m. for the Achievement in Business Awards
Luncheon?

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PLEASE NOTE: Nominees businesses must be an active member of BARREN INC.

AWARD CRITERIA:

To qualify, an individual must take charge of and run a for-profit company that employs 100 people or fewer and has been successfully operating for over three years. Exciting times ahead! The business is on a thrilling upward trajectory with a surge in sales, investments, and a growing team of talented individuals. **The nominee's business needs to be a proud member in good standing with BARREN INC.** This individual shines brightly in the community, showcasing remarkable dedication through impactful projects, generous financial support, and valuable resources.

The nominee's business growth, community service, charitable work, and participation in the Chamber will all be taken into account in the selection process. **Use the details above to write a letter of recommendation.**

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MAGNOLIA RECIPIENT NOMINATION FORM

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PLEASE NOTE: Nominees must be affiliated with a member of BARREN INC. and must have been with their current employer for at least one year.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Professional Leadership: How has this person excelled, innovated, and engaged in her field? **Community Leadership:** How has this nominee served her community well? **Personal Leadership and Mentorship:** How has this nominee helped women build leadership skills?

Include anything else you believe is relevant to your nominee. Recognition for their work in the community, the industry, and—most importantly—the advancement of women in leadership roles, as well as testimonials from those they have served. **Use the information provided above to construct a recommendation letter.**

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AWARD CRITERIA:

The selection process will focus on letters of recommendation that highlight the nominee's key qualities. Organizations with a workforce of 100 or fewer individuals. It is essential for the business to maintain its status as a member in good standing with Barren Inc.

To what extent does the company's presence impact the local community? Considerations such as workforce size, economic impact, and community-beneficial initiatives should be made. It is vitally important. **Please use the information provided to create a recommendation letter.** Are there any other noteworthy accomplishments by this company?

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FARMER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

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AWARD CRITERIA:

Selection will rely on letters of recommendation highlighting the nominee's strengths. Knowledge of farming methods and techniques, dedication to conservation and land use, active participation in the Barren County Agriculture Community, and other distinguishing professional traits. **A letter of recommendation is required based on the information provided above.**

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

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AWARD CRITERIA:

The following characteristics of the candidate will be the primary emphasis of the recommendation letters used in the selection process: Displays a deep dedication to their position. Displays exceptional performance on the job, routinely going above and beyond what is expected. Displays a positive and cooperative attitude when interacting with clients and coworkers, in addition to other outstanding professional traits. **A letter of recommendation is required based on the information provided above.**

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