

2026 Lifetime Achievement Award

Overview:

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a woman who has owned and operated a business in the Leeds and Grenville Small Business territory for 15 or more years and who has made a lasting impact through her leadership, innovation, and community involvement.

Presented as part of the International Women's Day celebration, this award honours a woman whose entrepreneurial journey reflects perseverance, creativity, and significant contributions to the economic and social well-being of her community. She serves as an inspiration and role model to others, especially women in business.

Deadline for nominations: Friday, December 5, 2025, at 4pm

Scope:

The citizens of Leeds Grenville are our ambassadors throughout the world. It is important we celebrate and recognize the many achievements that build and sustain our communities through their work in economic development.

Nomination process:

Individuals, organizations, business leaders, elected officials, counties and municipal staff can nominate a volunteer.



Eligibility:

- Be a woman (self-identified)
- Own and actively operate a legally registered business (sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation)
- Have been in business for 15 or more years
- Operate within the Leeds and Grenville Small Business territory
- Demonstrate innovation and creativity in her business
- Have made a significant and impactful contribution to her community (e.g., through philanthropy, mentorship, leadership, volunteering, or participation in business support programs)

Information required:

- A detailed profile of the nominee with a list of his or her contributions to economic development (A nomination form is attached)
- Contact information for the nominee and any additional reference persons (including an email address and phone number).
- Nominations are evaluated on business success and growth, employment contribution to the community, community impact, professional development, and character.

Award Presentation: The award winner will be announced prior to the International Women's Day event on March 5, 2026 and will be officially honoured at the event.

Submit your application to:

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Nomination Form
2025 Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Name of Business:

Years of operating their business:

Insert content here (Space will expand as you type)

Profile of nominee: (2-3 paragraphs / 250 words – feel free to attach a profile if you need more space. Include how they have demonstrated innovation and creativity in their business)

Insert content here

Please answer the following questions.

1. How has the nominee's business grown and achieved success over the years?

(Consider milestones such as increased sales, expanded services, new locations, community impact, or business recognition.)

Insert content here

2. How many employees or team members does the business currently have?

(Include whether this number has grown over time.)

Insert content here

3. How has the nominee demonstrated personal and professional growth as a business owner? (Consider their leadership, skills development, community involvement, and character.)

Insert content here

If the nominee has participated in a number of projects, and/or events, please list them in the sections below. Explain the nominee's role and how their participation with the project/event helped the community and local economy.

#1 Project/Event:

Insert content here

Nominee's role:

Insert content here

Economic Impact:

Insert content here

#2 Project / Event:

Insert content here

Nominee's role:

Insert content here

Economic Impact:

Insert content here

Have you notified the nominee? Are they willing to let their name stand?

Insert answer here

Nominator:

Telephone:

Email:

References: (please include contact information – telephone/cell and email, business name if applicable):

Insert content here

**Thank you for helping us honour your community's champion.
Leeds Grenville Economic Development Office**