

Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce Chamber Choice Awards Nomination Criteria



Chamber Choice Awards will be held on **November 16** at Cascade in Hamden. For 27 years, the Hamden Regional Chamber has celebrated the accomplishments of our deserving citizens and businesses.

Chamber Members are invited to nominate individuals and/or businesses for the categories listed.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 1

Please take a minute to review the selection criteria below and nominate an exceptional business or individual for these honors.

Please note: Educator and Business Student of the Year are selected by the Hamden Board of Education.

General Criteria: All nominees (with the exception of Notable Citizen) must be an active Chamber Member for at least one year and should possess exceptional business skills, leadership within the business community which promotes the Hamden Region as an outstanding place in which to do business.

Business of the Year

- ☆ In business at least 5 years
- ☆ Develops strong community partnerships and encourages volunteerism among its employees.
- ☆ Displays a high standard of business practice and customer service.
- ☆ Over 15 employees.

Women-Owned Business of the Year

- ☆ In business at least 2 years.
- ☆ Strong community involvement.
- ☆ Nominees must be at least 51% owned.

Chamber Leadership Award

- ☆ This award is given to an individual or business for outstanding commitment and dedication to Hamden Regional Chamber and its mission.
- ☆ Demonstrates leadership within the Chamber through committee development, board involvement or volunteerism.
- ☆ Must be an active member for at least one year.

Business/Community Advocate

- ☆ An individual or business who has enhanced the Hamden Region thru resources, support and/or guidance.
- ☆ Is a leader in promoting and fostering business.

Small Business of the Year

- ☆ In business at least 5 years
- ☆ Develops strong community partnerships and encourages volunteerism to its employees.
- ☆ Displays a high standard of business practice and customer service.
- ☆ Under 15 employees.

Notable Citizen of the Year

- ☆ Active member of the community.
- ☆ Has devoted years of service to the community's best interest.

Minority-Owned Business of the Year

- ☆ In business at least 2 years.
- ☆ Develops strong community partnerships and encourages volunteerism to its employees.
- ☆ Nominees must be at least 51% owned by one of the following designation to qualify: *African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Hispanic American, and/or Native American.*

Service Organization of the Year

- ☆ Not-for-Profit or Service organization.
- ☆ Dedicated to supporting philanthropic initiatives and causes for the good of community and the individuals they serve.
- ☆ Must be an established 501(c)3.

Chamber Choice Awards

Nomination Form



Award Category: (Please select one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned Business of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Community Advocate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Organization of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Notable Citizen of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Leadership Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Minority-Owned Business of the Year |

Business or individual to be nominated:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominating Individual: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Using the detailed criteria on the reverse side, please explain why you feel your nominee should be selected.

Return Form to:

Awards Committee | Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce | 3074 Whitney Avenue, Bldg. 1, Hamden, CT 06518