



Celebrate Excellence in Our Business Community

2026 Chamber Annual Awards

Nomination Information, Criteria & Nomination Form

Nominate an outstanding West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce member today!

Recognizing the businesses, leaders and individuals who make a difference in our community.

The West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for its 2026 Annual Awards, recognizing outstanding accomplishments, leadership and contributions within our business community.

Awards will be presented at the 2026 Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 1900 S. 18th Ave., West Bend, WI 53095, Prairie Center Entrance.

Award Nomination Process:

1. Nomination Categories:

- Business of the Year
- New Member of the Year (see pages 8 & 9 for new member list)
- Chamber Volunteer of the Year
- Non-Profit of the Year
- Community Impact Award
- Legacy of Excellence Award

2. Who Can Nominate:

- Chamber members and Chamber staff are eligible to submit nominations.
- Members may self-nominate.

3. How to Nominate:

- Review Award eligibility and criteria for evaluation
- **Complete nomination form stating how nominee meets award eligibility and criteria.**
- You may submit multiple nominations. **One nomination per nomination form.**
- **Nominations should be emailed to the Chamber office by Friday, 10/9/2026**
- Email form to: toni@wbachamber.org

4. Selection Process:

- The Chamber Executive Committee serves as the award selection committee. They will review all nominations and select the award winners.

5. Notification:

- Award winners will be notified prior to the event to allow for preparations and to arrange complimentary registration for two guests at the event.

6. Award Presentation:

- Awards will be presented during the Chamber Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner.

Award Criteria

Business of the Year:

The **Business of the Year Award** is presented to a Chamber member business that demonstrates excellence in business leadership, company growth, and community involvement.

Eligibility:

Member of the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce for a minimum of 3 years and has displayed active involvement in Chamber programs, events, or committee work over the past 12 months.

Criteria for Evaluation:

Evidence of business success in terms of revenue growth, market expansion, or job creation.

Active participation in community service, philanthropy, or local initiatives that benefit the community.

Recognition as a leader in the industry or sector, setting standards for excellence and best practices.

New Member of the Year: (see pages 8 & 9 for new member list)

The **New Member of the Year Award** recognizes a business that has joined the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce within the past 18 months and has quickly become an active and engaged member of the Chamber community. This award celebrates the new member's contributions, participation in Chamber events and programs, and overall commitment to supporting the Chamber's mission and the local business community.

Eligibility:

The nominee must have joined the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce within the past 18 months.

Criteria for Evaluation:

The nominee should demonstrate active involvement in Chamber events, committees, and initiatives. This includes attendance at Chamber meetings, networking events, and participation in Chamber-sponsored programs.

The nominee must have made a noticeable impact on the Chamber community, either through innovative contributions, collaboration with other members, or by bringing new ideas and energy to Chamber activities.

Chamber Volunteer of the Year:

The **Volunteer of the Year Award** honors an **individual** who has made outstanding contributions of time and effort to the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce. This award recognizes a volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, enthusiasm, and impact through their volunteer activities, helping to advance the Chamber's mission and enhance the local business community.

Eligibility:

The nominee must be an active member and volunteer with the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce. There is no minimum length of service requirement, but sustained and impactful involvement is preferred.

Criteria for Evaluation:

The nominee should have demonstrated a high level of commitment to their volunteer role, going above and beyond in their efforts to support Chamber events, programs, or initiatives.

The nominee must have made a significant positive impact on the Chamber and its activities. This can include organizing events, leading projects, supporting fellow members, or enhancing Chamber operations.

The nominee should exhibit a collaborative and supportive attitude, working well with Chamber staff, members, and other volunteers.

Non-Profit of the Year Award

The **Non-Profit of the Year Award** celebrates a **501c3 non-profit organization** that has made significant contributions to the West Bend community. This award recognizes a non-profit for its exceptional impact, leadership, and dedication to addressing community needs, enhancing quality of life, and supporting local causes.

Eligibility:

The nominee must be a member in good standing with the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce.

Criteria for Evaluation:

The nominee should have demonstrated a substantial and positive impact on the West Bend community through its programs, services, or initiatives. This includes addressing critical needs, improving lives, or fostering community engagement.

The nominee should show evidence of strong leadership within the organization and innovation in its approach to solving community issues or delivering services.

The nominee should actively engage with and involve the community in its activities, whether through volunteer opportunities, partnerships, or public outreach.

Community Impact Award

The **Community Impact Award** honors an **individual** that has made a significant and positive difference in the West Bend community. This award recognizes outstanding contributions that enhance the quality of life, address community needs, and foster economic and social development.

Eligibility:

The nominee is an individual that is involved in the West Bend community. Membership in the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce is not required but is preferred.

Criteria for Evaluation:

The nominee should have made a noteworthy impact through activities, projects, or initiatives that address key community issues, improve local quality of life, or support community development.

The nominee should demonstrate exceptional leadership and innovation in their approach to making a positive difference. This includes creative problem-solving, effective strategies, and inspiring others to contribute to the community.

The nominee should actively engage with and involve the community in their initiatives. This may include partnerships with other local entities, volunteer opportunities, or public outreach.

The nominee should have a positive reputation within the community, characterized by integrity, transparency, and a commitment to ethical practices.

Legacy of Excellence Award

The **Legacy of Excellence Award** honors an **individual, business, or organization** that has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to excellence and a profound, enduring impact on the West Bend community. This award celebrates those who have not only achieved remarkable success but have also contributed significantly to the community's growth and development over many years.

Eligibility:

The nominee must demonstrate a history of consistent involvement in the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce and the West Bend area for a minimum of 10 years.

Criteria for Evaluation:

The nominee should have demonstrated exceptional achievement in their field, setting a high standard of excellence through their work, products, or services.

The nominee must have made a lasting and positive impact on the community, with contributions that have stood the test of time and continue to benefit the community. ([continued next page](#))

The nominee should exhibit a sustained commitment to high standards, quality, and innovation in their operations or activities.

The nominee should have been actively involved in community service, support of local initiatives, or engagement with other local organizations or businesses.

The nominee should be well-regarded within the community, recognized for integrity, ethical practices, and a commitment to making a positive difference.

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Nomination Form

2026 West Bend Chamber Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner

*Awards to be presented at the 2026 Chamber **Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner** on Thursday, November 12, 2026, 5:00 pm at 1900 S. 18th Ave. West Bend, WI 53095 Prairie Center Entrance*

Email completed form to Chamber office by 10/9/2026 toni@wbachamber.org

Name | Business | Email | Phone Number of the person submitting the nomination.

Your Name: _____

Your Company: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Nominee | Nominee Contact Information | Nominated Award | Nomination Details

1. Who are you nominating? _____

2. Contact Information for nominee

a. Nominee Contact Name: _____

b. Nominee Address: _____

c. Nominee Email: _____

d. Nominee Phone: _____

3. For which award? (circle one)

- ☐ Business of the Year
- ☐ New Member of the Year (see pages 8 & 9 for new member list)
- ☐ Chamber Volunteer of the Year
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- ☐ Legacy of Excellence Award

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4. Please share, in detail, how this Business, Individual, Organization meets the eligibility and criteria for the selected award and why they should be selected to receive this award.

New Member of the Year Nominees	Nominee Websites
eXp Realty	http://brenda.jaeger.exprealty.com
Confluence Graphics	https://www.confluencegraphics.net/
The Shoppe Custard & Grill	http://theshoppewb.com
First Call Medical Solutions	http://firstcallmedical.net
Epic Mortgage	https://www.yourepiclender.com/
Equitable Advisors - Devin Yates	https://wisconsin.equitableadvisors.com/team/devin-yates
Spectrum Business	https://www.spectrum.com/business
FASTSIGNS of Menomonee Falls	https://www.fastsigns.com/menomonee-falls-wi/
NLW Aesthetics	https://www.facebook.com/p/NLW-Aesthetics-61570429845971/
Detail Woodworks	http://www.detailwoodworks.com
Regal & West Bend Cookware Factory Outlet	http://www.cookwarefactoryoutlet.com
7 Brew Coffee	https://7brewmke.com
KRL Electric LLC	http://krlelectric.com
Thomas Wilke - Independent Medicare Broker	http://www.compassbenefits.us
Schmidt Century Farm & Store	http://www.schmidtcenturyfarm.com
Holbrook Tennis Court Services, LLC	http://www.holbrooktenniscourts.com
Wellbrook Recovery Addiction Treatment Center in Wisconsin	https://wellbrookrecovery.com/locations/wisconsin-rehab
Good Karma Brands - Beaver Dam Market	http://dailydodge.com
Love Greater Than Hate Project	https://www.theloveisgreaterthanhateproject.com/
The Emree	http://emreeapartments.com
Perception LLC	http://www.beperceived.com
Creative Brews, LLC	https://creativebrewswestbend.com/
Leading UP	https://leadingupcoach.com/
fireside MARKET	http://firesidemarket.com
Sickler Dock and Door LLC	https://sicklerdockanddoor.com/
Guided Money Tours	http://www.data2profit.net
Dreher Heating Cooling and Electric	http://Dreherheatingcoolingandelectric.com
Kettle Moraine Agency	https://www.kettlemoraineagency.com
Bayland Buildings	http://www.baylandbuildings.com
Shorewest Realtors	http://Shorewest.com
Koehn & Koehn Jewelers	http://www.koehnjewelry.com
BEAR Construction Company	https://bearcc.com/
Squibb Aesthetics	https://www.squibbaesthetics.com/
Precision Mechanical Contractors	http://precisionmechanicalcontractors.com
ProCheck Home Inspections LLC	http://Www.procheckwi.com
Saron Sophia Inc	http://SaronSophia.org
JJ's Plumbing Repair, Inc.	http://www.jjsplumbing.com
Jackson Concrete Inc.	http://www.jacksonconcrete.com
Global Payments	http://www.globalpayments.com
Voltex Systems LLC	https://voltexsystems.com/
West Bend Hobby Knights	http://shop.hobbyknights.com

New Member of the year Nominees (cont.)	Nominee Websites (cont.)
The UPS Store	https://locations.theupsstore.com/wi/west-bend/2032-s-main-street
PS Seasoning & Pro Smoker	http://psseasoning.com
The Antidote	https://www.theantidotewb.com/
Forward Exterior Remodeling Specialists	https://forwardremodeling.com/
Titletown Brewing	https://www.titletownbrewing.com/
Game Over	https://www.theantidotewb.com/game-over
The Outbreak	https://www.theantidotewb.com/the-outbreak
Schuster Plumbing Solutions	http://www.schusterplumbingsolutions.com
Monk's Pro Wash	http://www.Monksprowash.com
A1 Outdoor Services	http://www.a1outdoorservices.com
Harbor Canine, Inc.	http://www.harborcanine.com
New York Life	https://www.newyorklife.com/agent/jtrampe
Etzler Events LLC	http://www.etzlerevents.com
Baumann Tax & Business Services LLC	http://baumanntax.com
Russ Darrow Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM of West Bend	https://www.russdarrowchryslerdodgejeep.com/
Werner	https://www.onewerner.com/
Sherrie Reuter - Keller Williams Prestige	http://www.sherriereuter.kw.com
Patriot Financial LLC	http://patriot-financial.com
Hon. Sandra Giernoth	http://judgegiernoth.com
Brigette David - Northwestern Mutual	http://bridgettedavid.nm.com
MLM Enterprises LLC DBA Roofers Roofing	https://roofersroofing.net/