

The Bedford County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for its 2016 Awards. Recipients will reflect success in business in one or more of these areas: Longevity, Volunteerism, Mentorship, Leadership, Innovation, Community Enhancement, or Overall Excellence (for small, medium or large-sized businesses).

**Information provided will be used to characterize the nominees in one or more of these award categories:**

- ❖ **EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARD (3 Categories): SMALL** (No more than 10 employees), **MEDIUM** (No more than 60 employees) & **LARGE** (61 or More Employees): Recognizes businesses demonstrating overall stability, a positive public image, and setting an example of community service.
- ❖ **JOHN ANDERSON AWARD:** recognizes groups, companies or individuals who have enriched the County through an outstanding contribution to the community.
- ❖ **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:** recognizes a resident of the Bedford County region of any age who personify the finest spirit of volunteerism by giving generously of themselves to improve the community's quality of life.
- ❖ **INNOVATION AWARD:** recognizes the business which has demonstrated a noteworthy innovation during the past year, such as development and implementation of a new product, service, process or procedure, such as (but not limited to): a new marketing approach, safety, energy efficiency or environmental program, improvement in working conditions, corporate citizenship and/or cost-effective procedures
- ❖ **PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT AWARD:** recognizes the business which has significantly improved the appearance of its facility through renovation, landscaping, redecorating, etc..
- ❖ **HERITAGE AWARD:** recognizes the business or organization which has shown a significant commitment to preserving the heritage of Bedford County region.
- ❖ **EMPLOYER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** recognizes the business which has actively supported employee participation in volunteer activities that improve the community.
- ❖ **EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION:** recognizes a person, business or organization for their efforts in enriching children, adults and/or the community through learning. For example: heritage awareness, creative arts, workforce development/career exploration, etc. Please note: this newly-redefined award is NOT intended for an educator within the formal school system. The Chamber Foundation has created a series of new awards to honor professional educators through a separate application process.
- ❖ **EXCELLENCE IN AGRI-BUSINESS:** recognizes a farm or agriculture-related business in the Bedford County region which demonstrates outstanding stewardship of land and livestock, application of technology and/or innovative marketing and civic involvement.

**You may specifically recommend nominees for a particular award(s). Based on the nomination form and follow-up phone interview with the nominee (conducted by a member of the Awards Committee), the Committee may choose to include the individual or business in one or more additional categories.**

**Note: Two categories require specific nominations: (line 5 of application):**

- ❖ **BUSINESS HALL OF FAME AWARD:** honors a business in the Bedford County region which has had a lasting, positive impact on Bedford County commerce, and which has been in operation for at least 25 years.
- ❖ **ATHENA AWARD:** co-sponsored by Thomas Chevrolet Subaru and Bedford Business & Professional Women, recognizes individuals for professional accomplishment, community service, and especially for mentoring women to achieve their full leadership potential. (Due to the secretive nature of the Athena award, these nominees will not be contacted for phone interviews unless also nominated in another category. Rather, the nominator is required to fill out an Athena-specific application.) This application is available for download on the Chamber website or at the Chamber Office. Call 623-2233 for more information, or e-mail: [Cara@BedfordCountyChamber.org](mailto:Cara@BedfordCountyChamber.org).



◆ 2016 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM ◆

1. Nominee (Company or Individual) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Contact Name (for company nomination) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Address \_\_\_\_\_

4. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

5. Category (or Categories): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required for Athena and Business Hall of Fame Nominees, optional for other categories – see page 1 for details).

6. Please provide a brief explanation or bullet points that highlight this nominee's qualifications:

7. Name & address of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

8. Telephone and email address \_\_\_\_\_

May we identify you to the nominee?    Yes     No

Nominee will be called to provide additional information about their company in a brief telephone interview.

***Don't be too modest to nominate yourself—self-nominations are encouraged!***

A plaque bearing the names of award recipients will be permanently displayed  
in the offices of the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce

**Nominations must be dropped off at the Chamber office or postmarked by August 12<sup>th</sup>**

Bedford County Chamber of Commerce ◆ 125 S. Juliana St., Bedford PA 15522 ◆ fax 623-6089