



2023 2nd Annual Chamber Awards

Over the past 105 years, the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce has celebrated its members during its Annual Member Dinner. In addition to the recognition of milestone members and legacy businesses, this year we will continue a new tradition of announcing winners in several award categories. These five award categories will recognize individual people and businesses who have made a difference in our business community during the year of 2022. Nominations should be made with the attached form and will be qualified by the Chamber Awards Committee. Finalists in each category will be notified and invited to the Chamber's Annual Membership Dinner on Friday, February 17, 2023. Category Award winners will be announced during the dinner program. When nominating, please consider the qualifications listed below.

Awards

The Michigan City Chamber of Commerce is proud to honor those who excel in the following categories:

1. Community Impact of the Year
2. Small Business of the Year
3. Large Business of the Year
4. Young Professional of the Year (Under 40)
5. Ambassador of the Year

Community Impact Award

This award celebrates the success of an individual or organization who has made a significant and positive impact on the community. The community impact should be beneficial to the whole community, shows real results or solutions-oriented practices, and should have lasting value for the Michigan City area. Nominees could include collaborative projects, public/private partnerships, and/or an individual's impact over time. Nominations must include documentation citing evidence of the impact to the Michigan City community.

Small Business of the Year Award

This award celebrates the success of a local small business and honors its contributions to the growth and diversity of the local economy. The small business recipient should exemplify innovation, entrepreneurship, community involvement, and individual initiative. The nominee must have been in business for at least 3 years, is independently or locally owned, and has fewer than 50 employees. Nominations must include documentation narrating the businesses impact to their industry, innovative product or service, and community involvement.

Large Business of the Year Award

This award celebrates the success of a local large business and honors its contributions to the growth and diversity of the local economy. This business recipient should exemplify innovation, resiliency, community engagement, demonstrated growth in business and job creation, investment in infrastructure, and professional development of employees. The nominee must have been in business for five or more years and have more than 50 employees. Nominations must include documentation narrating the businesses impact to their industry, innovative product or service, business growth in the last year, and community involvement.

Young Professional of the Year Award (Under 40)

This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of a young professional in their chosen career. The award is given to an individual who is considered a role model for other young professionals and contributes to the Michigan City community through time and talents. Nominations must include a narrative about the individual's professional development in their career, philanthropic work in the community, and the ability to build meaningful relationships for the growth of themselves and others.

Ambassador of the Year Award

This award recognizes an Ambassador of the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce who has shown commitment to their volunteer role as a Champion of the Chamber over the last year. The award is given to an ambassador who has shown true leadership in their work, positive representation, promotion of the Chamber, and who has given of their time and talents to enhance the Chamber's profile and interactions with its members. Nominees for this award will be chosen from the 4 Ambassadors of the Quarter for 2022.



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General Nomination Guidelines

- Nominee must be a member of the Michigan City Chamber. To check if a nominee is an active member, call the Chamber office at 219-874-6221 or visit www.MichiganCityChamber.com.
- Nominee must have a location or are actively doing business in the Michigan City area.
- If nominating in more than one category, please use a separate form for each category.
- Please submit all nominations and the supporting documents to the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce office no later than 4:00 PM on **December 23, 2022**.
- All deadlines are firm, and nominations will not be accepted after the deadline.
- Attach all supporting documents, narrative, and/or letter of reference with the nomination form.
- It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure the nomination form is complete and all documents are provided. More documentation is better than less.
- No member may be eligible for the same award in consecutive years.
- All nominees should embody the Chamber's core values: Integrity, Togetherness, Pride, Service Oriented, and Leadership.

Categories (please circle - use different forms for multiple nominations):

Community Impact Award Young Professional Award
Small Business Award
Large Business Award

Nominee Information

Company Name:

Principal/Owner:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Submitted By

Your Name:

Phone:

Email:

Explain the reasons for your nomination (please attach pages and supporting documents)

Nomination deadline is 4:00 PM on December 23, 2022 (including mail-in nominations)

Submit to the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce

Mail or Drop-Off: 200 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, IN 46360

E-mail: info@mcatchamber.com

Call with any questions: 219-874-6221