

The Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its former annual awards program has been revised! **BACC is now accepting nominations for**

Excellence in Business

AWARDS - 2011

The Excellence in Business Awards were created by the Chamber to honor Bedford Area businesses for their innovation, to celebrate their vision and publicly appreciate their contributions to the quality of life in the community and for their employees.

Awards will be presented during the Chamber's Annual Business Dinner held on March 22, 2012

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS:

While individual criteria differ by category, emphasis on innovation, staying power, and overall integrity of business practices will be considered. All nominees should be member in good standing of the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce. To submit a nomination, complete the nomination form on the reverse side and mail or fax it to the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce.

Home-Based Business Award

Recognizes the owner of an independent product- or service-based business, operated from a residence located in Bedford or the surrounding area, who serves as a small business advocate with the business community.

Emerging Small Business Award

Recognizes a new business of 25 or fewer employees with a demonstrated capacity for creativity and innovation, experienced growth via increased sales or employee growth, and established itself as a leader in its industry.

Business to Business Award

Recognizes a business of any size providing products and/or services to the business community that has shown remarkable profitability and stability, and which exemplifies excellent corporate citizenship to the community.

Business to Consumer Award

Recognizes a business of any size providing products and/or services directly to the consumer that has shown remarkable profitability and stability, and which exemplifies excellent corporate citizenship to the community.

Agri-Business Award

Recognizes a business primarily involved in the agricultural input, production or output that has contributed significantly to the advancement of agriculture in the Bedford Area.

Non-Profit Award

Recognizes a not for profit organization as defined by the IRS, displays a commitment to good and ethical business practices, and provides outstanding programs/services that directly impact the Bedford community.

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Nomination

To nominate a business please fill in the information below as completely as possible and mail or fax to the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce at 305 East Main St., Bedford VA 24523 or 540-587-6650. **Anyone can nominate a company.** Nominees should be a member in good standing of the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce. Self nominations are welcome, as are nominations for more than one company. Only one nomination per company is required for consideration. **Multiple nominations do not influence the selection of finalists.**

The deadline for submitting nominations is January 31, 2012

Award Selection Process

1. A contact person from each nominated company receives a brief questionnaire
2. The questionnaire is easy to complete and focuses on gathering information to measure the company against the award criteria. **Only companies that return the questionnaire are considered for the slate of finalists**
4. An independent selection committee reviews the questionnaires and selects up to 5 finalists for each award category
5. Finalists are announced via newspaper, email, and the Chamber's web site where the business community will have the opportunity to vote for the winner in each category
6. Votes will be scored and combined with the rank of each finalist to determine the overall winner in each category.

Award recipients will be announced during the Annual Business Dinner on March 22, 2012

AWARD CATEGORY: _____

NOMINEE

Company/Organization

Contact Person

Phone

Address

City/State/Zip

Email

NOMINATOR

Company/Organization

Contact Person

Phone

Address

City/State/Zip

Email

Briefly describe (1 or 2 sentences) why you are nominating this business for consideration. (Use additional sheets as needed.)

