



EXCELLENCE IS A WAY OF LIFE HERE – EARNED NOT GIVEN – AND IT SHOULD BE CELEBRATED! WE WANT TO HEAR THE STORIES OF THE HARD-WORKING INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS ELEVATE OUR REGION AND MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE TO DO BUSINESS, WORK AND LIVE.

YOU HAVE A GREAT STORY — TELL US!

Our selection committee will select the best of the best to be recognized with a Business Excellence Award. Each of the

award winners will be celebrated at a party on May 10. Winners may be further recognized for their work, specifically focusing

on characteristics of excellence in business, including innovation, leadership, philanthropy and community.

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

GREATER OMAHA BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD

- 1 Highlight important milestones in your company's history.
- 2 What does excellence look like in your business?
- 3 Excellence takes on many forms. Choose one or more of the characteristics below and describe how it applies to you or your business (or the person or business you are nominating).

INNOVATION

Changing the establishment by introducing something better is no easy process, but it's what true innovators live for. Those recognized for Excellence in Innovation have made innovation part of their everyday 'routine' and provide tangible benefits through their work.

- Tell us what innovation looks like in your business and what impact that has had on the business, community and associates.

LEADERSHIP

Excellence in Leadership recognizes the achievements of leaders in the Omaha community who have a drive for excellence in business, a strong vision for the future, a dedication to the betterment of our community and a passion for developing others. Women and men from all age groups, backgrounds, industries and career stages may be nominated for her/his achievements.

- Tell us about the nominee's strengths, career and impact on those around her/him.



PHILANTHROPY THROUGH NONPROFIT

Fully accredited 501(c)(3)'s demonstrate Excellence in Philanthropy through Nonprofits with a high standard of quality, impact, innovation and collaboration within the community.

- Tell us about how the nonprofit organization makes a positive impact in the Greater Omaha area.
- Is the organization a fully accredited 501(c)(3)?

COMMUNITY

Businesses small and large with a philosophy of giving make a significant impact on the Omaha metropolitan community's health and well-being. The Excellence in Community recognition goes to those who go above and beyond to foster an environment of community improvement and support.

- Tell us how your business approaches community stewardship. (Organizations of all sizes are encouraged to apply)

MILESTONE

- Is your business celebrating an anniversary of 25, 50, 75, 100, 125 or 150 years in business? If so, how many years?

AWARD DETAILS

- Companies and individuals may nominate themselves or may be nominated by a third party.
- Nominations are scored by the members of the Greater Omaha Excellence Awards Selection Committee, which is comprised of business leaders and past award recipients from the Greater Omaha area. Individual scores are kept confidential.
- All nominated businesses or individuals must be Greater Omaha Chamber members based in the Greater Omaha metropolitan area: Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills and Pottawattamie counties in Iowa.
- Nominations are accepted online from Jan. 5 through Feb. 12, 2016. Late nominations will not be considered.
- Final Excellence Award winners will be notified by a member of the Greater Omaha Chamber staff and announced publicly through the news channels chosen by the Chamber and additionally recognized at a private reception.
- Excellence Award winners are invited to a party on May 10, and are encouraged to invite their networks to help celebrate their recognition. The event is open to the public.
- Please contact Kayti Rachwalik with any additional questions – krachwalik@OmahaChamber.org, 402-978-7957.

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