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Nomination Form

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30th August 2013



CHESTERFIELD

The Categories:-

Excellence in professional services award

This award focuses on companies in the Professional Services sector. Entrants will need to be able to demonstrate excellence in business management under-pinned by a strong financial performance. You should outline how you have shown excellence in your specific sector and how your business has planned for future growth. Your entry should include turnover figures for the last 3 years and statistics to support any claims you make, testimonials (up to 3 short testimonials in addition to your word allowance), detail of any new and or innovative services introduced in the last 12 months.

Small Business of the Year

Open to organisations with 15 or less staff, this Award will go to the company that best demonstrates significant growth and innovation in its market sector, under-pinned by strong financial performance.

Entrepreneur of the Year

This Award will go to the outstanding individual who can best demonstrate exceptional vision and leadership in the establishment and development of an owner-led business. The judges will look for clear identification of a market opportunity, innovation, growth and evidence of strong financial performance in terms of sales and profit growth.

Young Business Person of the Year

This category encourages nominations from any business, team or organisation who feel they have a young person aged between 16 - 30 years, who has excelled in their field during 2012-2013.

New Business of the Year

This category is open to businesses that have been established within the last 18-months and operate from a supportive environment, including managed work space, incubation or innovation centre within Chesterfield. The award will be made to the business that demonstrates through its financial performance a thorough understanding of its 'unique selling point' and how this has been maximised within its markets. The winner will also be able to demonstrate the positive impact of the business support received by the organisation.

Business Personality of the Year

This category is for those at a managerial or executive level who have impressed a sense of their own unique personality on the business, bringing their own style to bear alongside a sense of leadership and commitment to the business which has made a quantifiable difference to the firm.

Team of the Year

The Team of the year Award is open to outstanding management teams. Judges are looking for management teams that are truly go-ahead, enlightened, innovative, and forward-thinking. The Award will go to the team that has created (or helped create) a highly successful business, or a team that has managed and led a successful project, deal or venture.

Community Contribution of the Year

Through their commitment to the local area entrants for this award should show that they have actively supported the local community, schools or colleges. Entrants for Community Involvement will be measured on their specific participation and not purely upon financial support.

The Environment Award

Entrants to this category must show examples of what innovative action the company have taken towards a low carbon economy. Along with example you will need to show how you plan to maintain this action going forward.

Customer Service Award

This Award will go to the organisation that can best demonstrate that it has the customer at the heart of its business. It will need to show how it deploys and manages its resources to most effectively meet the needs of its customer base.

Employer Of The Year Award

Presented to the company that has demonstrated the strongest commitment to morale and wellbeing through engaging with its workforce, keeping them abreast of what is happening within the business, training them so that they can contribute to the company's success and ensuring their general health and wellbeing. Consideration may be given to the proportion of turnover invested in training, involvement and wellbeing programmes, innovative strategies leading to improvements in company performance and step change improvements in overall morale.

Apprentice of the Year

This category seeks to recognise the hard work and dedication put in by those starting out in their careers. Open to any individuals taking part in an apprenticeship scheme, judges will be looking for candidates who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and effort to make their apprenticeship succeed.

Retailer of the Year

This award focuses on companies in the retail business and highlights the relationship with the general public on a day to day basis. Entrants should show high levels of customer service as well as an innovative approach in building the strength of the business, Outlining their approach to branding and presentation within the store plus details of how the company has grown over recent years as well as any plans or ideas that are in place to help grow the business over the next few years.

Disability Inclusion Award

This award seeks to give recognition to businesses that promote equality and opportunity for disabled people by going above and beyond the legal requirements of the 2010 Equality Act. We are looking for evidence of how the business has adapted or supported process, mechanisms and work place adaptations for disabled employees internal or external to their own organisation

Lifetime Achievement

This category is open to an individual or team of people who can demonstrate that they have had a major impact on their business and Chesterfield as a town over a number of years, enhancing the community through their work and having a long-term business success. The successful applicant will have demonstrated consistently high and key achievements within industry over a number of years. Their belief in the community will have seen them give their time and expertise to help create an environment of growth and prosperity and to create a better quality of life for all. They will also have demonstrated flexibility and adaptability in a changing business world

New Business Of The Year

Open to organisations which have launched in the last 18 months, this award will go to the business which has demonstrated both flair and tenacity in getting off the ground and looks set to build on those foundations in the future.

Creative Innovation Award

This award will go to the creative business that has shown the highest level of innovation in developing their business. This will include innovation in areas such as researching and developing new products and services, using new technology to improve business practices and communicate with their customers. The winning business will have a proven track record of innovation and will be able to demonstrate how it has transformed their business.

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Nominations contact details

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Your Details

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Reason for nomination maximum 400 words

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