



2021 Annual Chamber Awards

The Evangeline Chamber of Commerce offers seven award categories to recognize individual people and businesses who have made a difference in our parish business community from July 2020 to the present. Nominations should be made with the attached form and will be qualified by the Chamber Awards Committee. Nominees will be notified and invited to be recognized at the Chamber's Annual Membership Dinner on Thursday, May 6th, 2021. When nominating, please consider the qualifications listed below.

Awards

This year the Evangeline Chamber is proud to honor business people who excel in the following categories:

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| 1. Business Innovation of the year | 5. Man of the year |
| 2. Business of the year | 6. Young business person of year (under 40) |
| 3. Business person of the year | 7. Agricultural person of the year |
| 4. Woman of the year | (chosen by the LSU Ag Center) |

Business Innovation Award

This award recognizes a business that has succeeded and/or excelled through innovation and risk-taking especially with the recent pandemic and hurricanes that affected our area. Examples of innovation may include introducing new products or services, technologies, growing existing product lines through unique approaches, or even implementing new policies, procedures or facilities for employees or customers. Nominee should demonstrate that innovation has contributed to improving business performance, bettering employee experience, and/or overcoming challenges.

Business of the Year Award

This award recognizes the company that demonstrates all-around excellence in business. Judging will focus on competitive advantage of the business and examples of specific strategies that have driven business growth and service to the community. Nominee must be independently-owned and have been in business for at least three years.

Business Person of the Year Award

This award recognizes a local business leader who has demonstrated achievement in ownership or management, or who has made significant contributions to the business environment in Evangeline Parish. The individual selected will have demonstrated leadership in bringing about business growth and have an outstanding reputation. This person exemplifies the qualities of effective leadership, the importance in social, cultural and environmental awareness and has a commitment to the wider community.

Man/Woman of the Year Award

These two separate awards will honor people for their acts of tireless energy. Often these people make the special effort to ensure that "good things happen" for others. Any job-related task or duty for which a nominee is paid a salary will not be considered. Nominees often meet the following criteria:

- Contributed significant time, energy and spirit in fields outside his or his/her professional life, without regard to personal gain
- Served both civic and community areas beyond "normal" responsibilities
- Active in service, community, church or other parish or local organizations

Young Business Person of the Year Award (between 18-40)

This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of a young entrepreneur between 18 and 39 years of age. The award is given to an individual who is considered a role model for other young professionals and is responsible for the success and growth of an Evangeline Parish based company. This person exemplifies the qualities of effective leadership, the potential for growth, the importance in social, cultural, and environmental awareness, and has a commitment to the wider community.



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Nomination Form

Email: EvangelineChamber@gmail.com
Mail: P. O. Box 331, Ville Platte, LA 70586
Drop-off: 306 West Main, Ville Platte
Call: 337-363-1878
Fax: 337-363-1894

General Nomination Guidelines

- Nominated businesses must have a location in or are actively doing business in Evangeline Parish
- The nominator and/or nominees do not have to be members of the Evangeline Chamber of Commerce
- Self-nominations are welcome
- If nominating in more than one category, please use separate forms for each
- Please submit all nominations to the Evangeline Chamber office no later than close of business March 31, 2021
- All deadlines are firm and nominations will not be accepted after the deadline (including mail-in nominations)
- Winners within the past ten years are ineligible
- Elected officials are ineligible

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

Innovator of the Year

Woman of the Year

Business of the Year

Man of the Year

Business Person of the Year

Young Business Person of the Year (Under 40)

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 close of business on April 1, 2021
(including mail-in nominations)