

Nomination Form

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The 2012 Small Business of the Year Awards
recognizes and honors businesses who have demonstrated exemplary "Best Practices."

I/we would like to nominate the following business, (self-nominations welcome):

BUSINESS _____

CONTACT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

Nominated by:

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION _____

CONTACT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

Please return Nomination Form by September 30, 2011 to:

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
Small Business of the Year Awards
777 Taylor Street, Suite 900
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Fax: 817/335-8280

E-mail: lhall@fortworthchamber.com

If you have any questions, please contact Lydia Hall, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce:
lhall@fortworthchamber.com or (817) 338-3370



FORT WORTH
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Small Business
of the Year

2012





OBJECTIVE

To recognize and honor businesses who have demonstrated exemplary “Best Practices.”

CRITERIA

- ★ Any for-profit business headquartered in Tarrant County
- ★ The applicant must be the owner, partner or major shareholder of the business, and active in its day-to-day operations
- ★ The business must be financially stable and operational for a minimum of three years with the exception of the Emerging Business which is less than three years
- ★ Businesses who provide a current member to the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors or Small Business Council Committee will not be eligible for consideration
- ★ Past Small Business of the Year recipients cannot apply in the same category they have previously won in
- ★ Businesses must be a member of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce at time award is presented

CATEGORIES

There will be four awards presented in the following categories:

- ★ **Emerging Business** (start-up company in business less than three years, cannot be a buy-out of an existing company)
- ★ **1-10 Employees** (in business three or more years)
- ★ **11-50 Employees** (in business three or more years)
- ★ **51-150 Employees** (in business three or more years)

Awards are based on information relevant to the conclusion of the businesses’ most recent fiscal year prior to Sept. 1, 2011.

JUDGING ELEMENTS

- ★ Business Growth and Performance
- ★ Sound Business Strategies and Practices
- ★ Customer Service Strategies and Practices
- ★ Business Challenges
- ★ Unique and Innovative Approaches
- ★ Community Involvement and Contribution
- ★ Employee Relations

TIMELINE

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| ★ September 30, 2011 | Nominations Due |
| ★ October 14, 2011 | Applications Due |
| ★ December 16, 2011 | Finalists Announced |
| ★ January 2012 | Finalists On-Site Judging |
| ★ January 17, 2012 | Business After Hours Reception Honoring the Finalists |
| ★ February 23, 2012 | Mayor’s State of the City Luncheon (<i>Award Recipients Announced</i>) |
| ★ March 27, 2012 | Impact Your Business Series - “Best Practices from Best Businesses” |

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE

Applicants:

- ★ Highlighted on the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce website as Applicant

Finalists:

- ★ Two complimentary reservations to the Mayor’s State of the City Luncheon
- ★ Recognition in program at Mayor’s State of the City Luncheon
- ★ Highlighted on the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce website as Finalist
- ★ Special Business After Hours Reception honoring Finalists

Award Recipients:

- ★ Small Business of the Year Award to display in your place of business
- ★ A Small Business of the Year Award winner banner to keep and display
- ★ Highlighted on the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce website as Award Recipient
- ★ Listed in the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting program as Small Business of the Year Award Recipient
- ★ Inclusion in the “How the Small Business of the Year Award Can Work For You” marketing information provided by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce Communications Department
- ★ Other awards to be determined