

# OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

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One of the most exciting and rewarding experiences for a small business in the Peoria Area is to be recognized with this award. The recipients are small businesses that demonstrate stability, innovation, commitment to the community, and ability to overcome challenges.

Using the criteria below, nominate candidates or self-nominate for these two prestigious awards that will be presented by the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce at the annual Community Thanksgiving Day Luncheon on November 19, 2020.

The deadline for submission is **November 3, 2020**.

## CRITERIA

- Nominee must be a small business in one of two award categories based on employee count.
  - 1-25 full time employees or 26-150 full time employees
- Nominee must be a member of the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce
- Nominee cannot be a division, subsidiary, non-profit, or franchise.
- Nominee has been in operation in the tri-county area for at least five years.

## APPLICATION

Please attach a response to the criteria below. Please indicate the award category (1-25 full-time employees or 26-150 full-time employees) of the nominated company. No more than four typewritten pages at 12 point font will be accepted.

### SMALL BUSINESS

Briefly describe how the nominee is actively involved in the operation of business. Please provide a brief history of the business.

### INNOVATION

Describe how the business has demonstrated creativity and innovation (in operations, marketing, products & services, etc.) as well as flexibility to change with the evolving business market.

### COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Describe how the nominee has demonstrated a commitment to the community, through involvement in initiatives, organizations, investments in the lives of others, financial contributions, and/or other activities.

### PERSEVERANCE

Discuss professional, competitive, and personal hardships that the nominee has had to overcome.



**Please send nominations to:**  
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