

# Philip L. Edwards Business Person of the Year

## PURPOSE

To recognize an individual who has made contributions of significance in the field of business for the past calendar year or years.

## RECIPIENT CRITERIA

The recipient criteria for the Philip L. Edwards Business Person of the Year must be flexible from two standpoints: (1) they must be able to change as the business scene changes; and (2) they must be able to encompass the immense variety of activity covered by the word “business.”

Business achievements during the year are of the utmost importance in selecting an individual for this award, but they should not be measured in terms of the amount of money the candidate has accumulated or the amount of power he/she has.

Business leadership is also very important. This encompasses the outstanding and enduring contributions made by the candidate to improving his/her business along with its contribution to the employees, community, state, and nation.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Ethical Conduct. Has obtained a successful business record with responsibility toward employees, customers, and members of the community.
2. Reputation. Has earned a high level of respect within the business community and a well-rounded business person from the standpoint of financial performance, business responsibility, and service to the community, and political awareness.
3. Recognition. Has increased the business image of a local community as viewed on the local, state, or national level.
4. Leadership. Has improved the business climate with positive influence.
5. Eligibility. Any candidate who is associated with a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or professional practice in the Greater Sumter area is eligible for nomination. Elected officials; employees of local, state, or federal government; and heads of eleemosynary charitable organizations—unless they are also involved in business and meet other tests—are ineligible. Each candidate must be a member of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce.

## SELECTION PROCESS

The selection committee, which will consist of five members, will review nominations. The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce will appoint representatives to serve on the selection committee. The committee shall select the recipient of the award.

## RECIPIENT HONORS

The recipient will be presented with a plaque, to be displayed at the recipient’s place of business or at the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, along with a gift of distinction. The awards ceremony will be held at the Chamber’s Annual Gala, April 1<sup>st</sup> at La Piazza.

**Deadline: March 15, 2021**

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## NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Submitted by: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet, please state why the nominee should be considered for the Philip L. Edwards Business Person of the Year Award based on the established criteria (please submit as much criteria as possible)

Mail/Fax/or Email your application to: Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce

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(803) 775-1231 or [Chris.hardy@sumterchamber.com](mailto:Chris.hardy@sumterchamber.com)

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## **Past Recipients**

Bobby Boykin Jr. Gary Blakeman John M. Brabham Sr. John M. Brabham, Jr. Jay Cox Russell Crawford Coles Dwight Jay Davis Tyler B. Dunlap, Jr. Austin Floyd Chuck Fienning Peter Flanagan Ben Griffith Jr. Beverly Gagne Thomas E. Garrity Billy Goodson Guido Hobi Robert Howell John Jones Jr. Jim Kepner Mack Kolb C.H. Leaird Leon McDonald Ricky McLeod	Bert Montague Hubert Osteen Jack Osteen Scott Rumph Jr. Bob Sharp Jim Sanyi Robert G. Sharp Carl Simpson Greg Thompson Hal Turner  Whit Whitaker Danielle Thompson Cary Coker Donny Hines
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