

*Philip L. Edwards Business Person of the Year  
Lifetime Achievement Award*

## **NOMINATION FORM**

### **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 contributions to the employees, community, state, and nation.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Ethical Conduct. Has obtained a successful business relationship 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 the local community 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. The recipient will be announced at the Chamber's Annual Gala in April.

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE :** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**On the next page or on an attached, separate document, 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 information as possible.**

**Email completed application to: [chris.hardy@sumterchamber.com](mailto:chris.hardy@sumterchamber.com)**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2023**





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