

*The Bedford County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for its 2011 Awards. Recipients will reflect success in business in one or more of these areas: Longevity, Volunteerism, Mentorship, Leadership, Innovation, Community Enhancement, or Overall Excellence (for small, medium or large-sized businesses).*

**Information provided will be used to characterize the nominees in one or more of these award categories:**

- ❖ **EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARD (3 Categories): SMALL** (No more than 10 employees), **MEDIUM** (No more than 60 employees) & **LARGE** (61 or More Employees): Recognizes businesses demonstrating overall stability, a positive public image, and setting an example of community service, including civic and volunteer work.
- ❖ **JOHN ANDERSON AWARD:** recognizes groups, companies or individuals which have enriched the County with an outstanding contribution to the community.
- ❖ **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:** recognizes Bedford County residents of any age who personify the finest spirit of volunteerism by giving generously of themselves to improve the community's quality of life.
- ❖ **INNOVATION AWARD:** recognizes the business which has demonstrated a noteworthy innovation during the past year, such as development and implementation of a new product, a new service, a new marketing approach, a program designed to aid in reducing environmental hazards, or an improvement in working conditions, corporate citizenship and/or cost-effective procedures.
- ❖ **PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT AWARD:** recognizes the business which has significantly improved the appearance of its facility through renovation, landscaping, redecorating, etc.
- ❖ **HERITAGE AWARD:** recognizes the business or organization which has shown a significant commitment to preserving the heritage of Bedford County.
- ❖ **EMPLOYER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** recognizes a business which has actively supported employee participation in volunteer activities that improve the community.
- ❖ **EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION:** recognizes the individual who best exemplifies outstanding dedication to improving education in Bedford County. In the context of this award, the term "educator" is broadly defined to include not only professional educators but anyone whose efforts have improved education. A nominee could be an individual who works in a traditional educational role, or someone who has developed educational opportunities in the County for children or adults, for instance, or who has devoted his/her efforts on behalf of a School-to-Work program..
- ❖ **EXCELLENCE IN AGRI-BUSINESS:** recognizes the Bedford County farm or agriculture-related business which demonstrates outstanding stewardship of land and livestock, application of technology and/or innovative marketing and civic involvement.

***You may specifically recommend nominees for a particular award(s). Based on the nomination form and follow-up phone interview with the nominee (conducted by a member of the Awards Committee), the Committee may choose to include the individual or business in one or more additional categories.***

***Note: Two categories require specific nominations: (line 5 of application):***

- ❖ **BUSINESS HALL OF FAME AWARD:** honors a Bedford County business which has had a lasting, positive impact on Bedford County commerce, and which have been in operation in the County for at least 25 years.
- ❖ **ATHENA AWARD:** co-sponsored by Thomas Automotive Family and Business & Professional Women, recognizes individuals for professional accomplishment, community service, and especially for mentoring women to achieve their full leadership potential. (Due to the secretive nature of the Athena award, these nominees will not be contacted for phone interviews unless also nominated in another category. Rather, the nominator is required to fill out an Athena-specific application.) This application is available for download on the Chamber website or at the Chamber Office. Call 623-2233 for more information, or e-mail: [Jami@BedfordCountyChamber.org](mailto:Jami@BedfordCountyChamber.org).



1. Nominee (Company or Individual) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Contact Name (for company nomination) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Address \_\_\_\_\_

4. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

5. Category(or Categories): \_\_\_\_\_

(Required for Athena and Business Hall of Fame Nominees, optional for other categories – see page 1 for details).

6. Please provide a brief explanation or bullet points that highlight this nominee's qualifications:

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7. Name & address of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

8. Telephone and email address \_\_\_\_\_

May we identify you to the nominee?    Yes     No

Nominee will be called to provide additional information about their company in a brief telephone interview.

***Don't be too modest to nominate yourself—self-nominations are encouraged!***

A plaque bearing the names of award recipients will be permanently displayed  
in the offices of the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce

**Nominations must be dropped off at the Chamber office or postmarked by August 30<sup>th</sup>**

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