

The Bedford County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for its 2021 Awards. Recipients will reflect success in business in one or more of these areas: Longevity, Volunteerism, Mentorship, Leadership, Innovation, Community Enhancement, or Overall Excellence in their field of expertise or by size (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.
- ❖ **JOHN ANDERSON AWARD:** recognizes groups, companies or individuals who have enriched the County through an outstanding contribution to the community.
- ❖ **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:** recognizes a resident of the Bedford County region 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, service, process or procedure, such as (but not limited to): a new marketing approach, safety, energy efficiency or environmental program, 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 PRESERVATION AWARD:** recognizes the business or organization which has shown a significant commitment to preserving the heritage of Bedford County region.
- ❖ **EMPLOYER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** recognizes the business which has actively supported employee participation in volunteer activities that improve the community.
- ❖ **EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION:** recognizes a person, business or organization for their efforts in enriching children, adults and/or the community through learning. For example: heritage awareness, creative arts, workforce development/career exploration, etc. Please note: this award is NOT intended for an educator within the formal school system, but rather for an individual, group or company among the business community.
- ❖ **EXCELLENCE IN AGRI-BUSINESS:** recognizes a farm or agriculture-related business in the Bedford County region which demonstrates outstanding stewardship of land and/or 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: Three categories require specific nominations: (line 5 of application) -**

- ❖ **BUSINESS HALL OF FAME AWARD:** honors a business in the Bedford County region which has had a lasting, positive impact on Bedford County commerce, and which has been in operation for at least 25 years.
- ❖ **HELEN TURNER AWARD:** recognizes a person, business or organization for rising to the challenge during an emergency situation (e.g. Covid-19 pandemic); like Helen Turner, who stayed at her telephone switchboard during the devastating Hyndman fire of 1921.
- ❖ **ATHENA AWARD:** Traditionally co-sponsored by Thomas Chevrolet Subaru and Bedford 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.



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

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

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

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

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

(Required for Athena, Helen Turner & 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:

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

**Copy this Form As Needed – You May Also Direct-Email the info outlined above to:  
[director@bedfordcountychamber.org](mailto:director@bedfordcountychamber.org)**

**Nominations must but received in Chamber office or postmarked by June 18, 2021**

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