

WESTERVILLE SMALL & LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to introduce two awards honoring local businesses for their significant role in driving Westerville's business climate and economic growth. To be considered for the Large Business of the Year or the Small Business of the Year Award, the business must be setting the standards for excellence and innovation with their business practices and community involvement.

Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting and Business Awards Dinner on January 31, 2017. Please visit www.westervillechamber.com for more information about the event.

Eligibility Requirements

Businesses interested in participating in the Award Program must meet certain minimum qualifications. To be considered for the Award Program, a company must meet the following on the date of the application:

- a. Be a for profit entity.
- b. Be a member in good standing of the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce both at the time of the nomination and when the award is announced.
- c. Employ 50 or more employees (to be considered for the Large Business of the Year Award) OR employ less than 50 employees (to be considered for the Small Business of the Year Award).
- d. Company must not have won either award within the last 5 years.
- e. Nomination must be received by November 28, 2016.
- f. Have an office with employees working in Westerville, Ohio.

A business may self-nominate, or another individual affiliated with the business may nominate the business in one of the categories below. *The Awards Committee reserves the right to move the business into another category during judging.*

- ✓ Small Business
 - 1-49 employees employed in Westerville, Ohio.
- ✓ Large Business
 - 50 or more employees employed in Westerville, Ohio.

Benefits of Participating

This is an excellent opportunity to gain exposure for your company and showcase how your business impacts the Chamber's mission of enhancing the business climate and quality of life in our community. By participating, your business will be recognized for its success and leadership and celebrate its achievements among the greater Westerville business community.

For more information on the rules and additional prizes for the award winners please see the Official Rules available at www.westervillechamber.com/

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Thank you for nominating a company for consideration for one of the Chamber's 2016 Business of the Year Awards! The information below is included to frame your responses as the Awards Committee will evaluate each application based on the information provided. **All nominations are due by Monday, November 28, 2016.**

1. **Business Overview**

Provide a brief description of your business including its primary activities, services or products. Include a brief description of your business activities in Westerville, Ohio and how the company has grown or plans to expand in the future.

2. **Leadership & Organizational Culture**

Provide a brief description of your company culture. Highlight leadership and employee development initiatives.

What services or does your company support promoting employee health and wellbeing?
Describe your sustainability programs or environmentally oriented initiatives.

3. **Business Growth**

Does the business support business collaborations promoting the growth of Westerville businesses (including relationships with other community partners/business associations)? Highlight development or advances the company has experienced in the last two years. How has the business been involved with the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce?

4. **Innovation**

Demonstrate how the company is considered creative and innovative. Highlight accomplishments within your business sector or the community at large.
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5. **Community Engagement**

Demonstrate how the company has contributed positively to the Westerville community in a non-business way.

Provide information on any charitable giving campaigns or nonprofit organizations that the company has been involved with in the past year.

6. **Additional Factors:** Describe any additional factors you would like considered in support of this application.

7. **Name of person completing this application:**

Phone number

Email address

Thank you.

In the event interviews are conducted, finalists will be contacted by the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce Monday, December 5, 2016. Award recipients will be determined by December 19, 2016 and honored at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner Tuesday, January 31, 2017.