



A.O. EVANS AWARD

The AO Evans Award recognizes one individual each year for outstanding contributions to the West Monroe and West Ouachita community. The person cannot be an elected official who currently holds office, nor can they be on the West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber Board of Directors. They must also have made several contributions to the betterment of the community.

The award was first presented in 1976 to Mr. AT Mitchell. When considering a name for the new award, the Chamber Board decided to name it in honor of the founder of the West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce, Mr. A.O. Evans. Mr. Evans was the manager of the Northern Division for Louisiana Power and Lights, now Entergy. In 1956, Mr. Evans successfully worked to establish the West Monroe Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that time, the Monroe-West Monroe Chamber served all of Ouachita Parish. Several businesses in West Monroe split with the Chamber and formed the West Monroe Merchants Association. Mr. Evans believed that by establishing a West Monroe Chamber of Commerce, the organization could accomplish far more. The West Monroe Chamber was chartered on March 31, 1956 with Mr. Evans as the first President.

Mr. Evans was dedicated and committed to West Monroe and worked to make the city an outstanding place to live, work, and raise a family. Mr. Evans embodied the characteristics of the people the award honors.

Past recipients include: A.T. Mitchell, Fred Bennett, Sr. , F.C. McConnell, Jesse Heard, Hugh Balfour, Louis Gruber, Jeff Caldwell, Jr., John Grantham, Alton Calhoun, Margaret Truly, George Welch, Bernard Biedenharn, Bert Hatten, Ike Hamilton, Bill Nelson, Jr., Jack Grable, Charles Morgan, Edward Stinson, Jr., Helen LeFevre, Alice Bennett, Eugene Smith, Clifton Tennison, Evelyn Blackmon, Sidney Wilhite, Cary Davis, Peggy Price Ford, Violet Liner, Arlan Rawls, Raymond Ford, Linda Lavender Ford, Ron Downing, Susan Hoffmann, Dr. August Danti, Judge "Bill" Norris, Jerry Lazenby, Laymon Godwin, Don Shows, Gretchen Kovac, Wade Bishop, Tex Kilpatrick, Blake Wheelis, Johnny Huntsman, Dr. Terry King, Doug Caldwell, Jean Halsell, The Honorable Dave Norris and Rick Guillot.

**2020 NOMINATION FORM
A. O. EVANS AWARD**

NOMINEE:

NOMINEE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY: _____

Name/Firm Making Nomination

Address

Phone

Qualifications to be considered:

1. This person has made outstanding contributions to the well-being, growth, and enhancement of the West Monroe-West Ouachita community over a period of years.
3. No current member of the WMWO Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors or elected official shall be considered for the Award.
4. Please attach a short biography of the nominee as well as contact information for the nominee including mailing address, phone number and email address, if applicable.

Please mail or return completed forms to:
The West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce
112 Professional Drive
West Monroe, LA 71291

You may also email your submission to kkelley@westmonroechamber.org

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS is Monday, November 2, 2020.