

West Ottawa Business Excellence Awards 2018

2018 Awards – Category descriptions

Small Business of the Year (1-10 employees)

Medium Business of the Year (11-50)

Large Business of the Year (51+)

Nominations for each business size category will be accepted from any industry for profitable growth businesses demonstrating innovation in their business area, positive impact on the local economy, employee engagement and customer service excellence.

New Business of the Year

Nominations will be accepted from any business that is less than 2 years old and can demonstrate ongoing growth and anticipated sustainability.

Community Impact Award

Nominations will be accepted from businesses who can demonstrate a public spirit through active staff participation in measurable community outcomes and/or sponsorships, charitable initiatives and monetary or in-kind contributions.

Professional Services Award

Nominations will be accepted from legal, medical, dental, accounting, financial, consulting, insurance, real estate and other professional services providers who demonstrate outstanding achievement in their business area along with customer service, marketing, business growth and community service.

- Legal, Financial and Insurance Services
- Medical, Dental and Cosmetic
- Real Estate, Architectural and Engineering
- Pet services, Education, Consulting and Other

Tourism Award

Nominations will be accepted from businesses who act as an outstanding ambassador in our community through hosting, promoting or attracting visitors to Ottawa's diverse attractions and activities thereby increasing our economic wellbeing.

- Restaurants and Food Service
- Locally produced goods
- Hotels and Lodging
- Events, Attractions, and Transportation

Tech Award

Nominations will be accepted from businesses who demonstrate innovation and business sustainability in the tech industry locally, regionally, nationally or internationally. They will also show how their business contributes to the overall recognition of Ottawa as a city of tech excellence.

- Software
- Communication
- Alternative, Emerging and Other Technologies

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Manufacturing Award

Nominations will be accepted from businesses who demonstrate innovation, product excellence, and business excellence in the manufacturing sector. They will also show how their business creates a positive impact on the local community and, if appropriate, nationally and internationally.

- Product Companies
- Contract Manufacturers
- Custom Manufacturers

Company to Watch

Nominations in this category are open to any business, any size, any industry that can demonstrate the potential to make a big impact on their industry in the next 1-5 years. The business will show a recognition that the successful introduction of an idea, process or initiative makes a genuine difference or positive impact on the business and community as a whole.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Recognizes a business owner or founder under the age of 35, who has excelled in business, exemplifies leadership and entrepreneurial skills and demonstrates an exceptional vision contributing to the business success.

Business Leader of the Year

This award recognizes the accomplishments of a business person who displays a significant commitment to the success of their business in the region. This individual has demonstrated outstanding business acumen and leadership in the community and serves as a positive role model or mentor for others.

Chair's Award

Awarded at the discretion of the Chair for exceptional contributions to business community, economic development or for milestones. May not be awarded annually.

Special Achievement Award

Awarded at the discretion of the Board for exceptional achievement in business, recognized globally as a trend setting product or service or social enterprise. May not be awarded annually.