

SUMTER BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR
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The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce

PURPOSE

To recognize an individual who has made contributions of significance in the field of business for the past calendar year or years.

RECIPIENT CRITERIA

The recipient criteria for the Business Person of the Year must be flexible from two standpoints: (1) they must be able to change as the business scene changes; and (2) they must be able to encompass the immense variety of activity covered by the word “business.”

Business achievements during the year are of the utmost importance in selecting an individual for this award, but they should not be measured in terms of the amount of money the candidate has accumulated or the amount of power he/she has.

Business leadership is also very important. This encompasses the outstanding and enduring contributions made by the candidate to improving his/her business along with its contribution to the employees, community, state, and nation.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Ethical Conduct. Has obtained a successful business record with responsibility toward employees, customers, and members of the community.
2. Reputation. Has earned a high level of respect within the business community and a well-rounded business person from the standpoint of financial performance, business responsibility, and service to the community, and political awareness.
3. Recognition. Has increased the business image of a local community as viewed on the local, state, or national level.
4. Leadership. Has improved the business climate with positive influence.
5. Eligibility. Any candidate who is associated with a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or professional practice in the Greater Sumter area is eligible for nomination. Elected officials; employees of local, state, or federal government; and heads of eleemosynary charitable organizations—unless they are also involved in business and meet other tests—are ineligible. Each candidate must be a member of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection committee, which will consist of five members, will review nominations. The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce will appoint representatives to serve on the selection committee. The committee shall select the recipient of the award.

RECIPIENT HONORS

The recipient will be presented with a plaque, to be displayed at the recipient’s place of business or at the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, along with a gift of distinction. The awards ceremony will be held at the Chamber’s Annual Gala, April 6th at Sunset Country Club.

Deadline: March 3rd, 2017

SUMTER BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Nomination Submitted by: Name _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

On a separate sheet, please state why the nominee should be considered for the Business Person of the Year Award based on the established criteria (please submit as much criteria as possible)

Mail/Fax/or Email your application to: Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce
Business Person of the Year
32 E. Calhoun St., Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 775-0915 or nicole@sumterchamber.com

DEADLINE: March 3rd, 2017

Past Recipients

Bobby Boykin Jr.	Robert Howell
Gary Blakeman	John Jones Jr.
John M. Brabham Sr.	Jim Kepner
John M. Brabham, Jr.	Mack Kolb
Jay Cox	C.H. Leaird
Russell Crawford	Bert Montague
Coles Dwight	Leon McDonald
Jay Davis	Hubert Osteen
Tyler B. Dunlap, Jr.	Jack Osteen
Austin Floyd	Scott Rumph Jr.
Chuck Fienning	"Bob" Sharp
Peter Flanagan	Jim Sanyi
Ben Griffith Jr.	Robert G. Sharp
Beverly Gagne	Carl Simpson
Thomas E. Garrity	Greg Thompson
Billy Goodson	Hal Turner
Guido Hobi	Whit Whitaker