

The Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida
is pleased to announce it is now accepting nominations.



Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Disney's Contemporary Resort

This signature event honors individuals, small and large businesses, and private or public agencies and community groups who have helped to make Central Florida a better place to work and live.

2017 GOLDEN DRAGON AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Please use this form to submit a nomination for an individual, a business, an agency (whether private or public, for profit or non-profit) or other deserving entity. Self-nomination is accepted. You may submit up to one (1) nomination for each of the five award categories listed below. You may download additional applications and view last year's recipients at www.AsianAmericanChamberCFL.org.

Submit all nominations by email to goldendragonawards@gmail.com. All nominations will be kept strictly confidential. Nominations must be received by **6 PM, FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017**. The winners will be announced at the 8th Annual Golden Dragon Awards Gala on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Each award recipient and his/her guest will receive complimentary tickets and are required to be present.

PLEASE INDICATE THE AWARD FOR WHICH YOU ARE SUBMITTING THIS NOMINATION:

GOLDEN DRAGON AWARD DIVERSITY CHAMPION AWARD
 GOLDEN HANDS AWARD RISING STAR AWARD
 ASIAN ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

ASIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee's Name: _____

Title/Position of Nominee: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

REASONS FOR THE NOMINATION: Describe why you believe the nominee is deserving of the award.
Please cite specific accomplishments and attach supporting documentation to support your nomination.

Name of party submitting this nominee: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

AWARD CATEGORIES:

GOLDEN DRAGON AWARD

As our Chamber's highest honor, the Golden Dragon Award recognizes an individual, entrepreneur, small or large business that has made the most significant positive impact in Central Florida, improving the quality of life for the many.

DIVERSITY CHAMPION AWARD

For an individual, company or organization which, by both word and deed, has actively fostered and encouraged diversity and inclusion in its business model and day-to-day practices.

GOLDEN HANDS AWARD

For an individual or group who embodies the highest spirit of caring and self-giving, recognizing exemplary contributions of time, energy and dedication to a cause, project or community without expectation of financial gain.

RISING STAR

To showcase and inspire future leaders of the business community, the award recognizes a Central Floridian who embodies the Asian American Chamber of Commerce core values -Dream. Believe. Achieve. - By demonstrating outstanding leadership and commitment to community. [See more detailed criteria below]

ASIAN ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

For an individual entrepreneur of Asian heritage doing business in Central Florida whose track record of innovation and success can serve as a role model to aspiring Asian entrepreneurs. [See more detailed criteria below]

NOMINATION RULES:

1. You and the proposed Award Recipient do not have to be members of the Chamber, but should be of good moral and ethical character. You and the proposed Recipient should also be residents of or have substantial contact with Central Florida.
2. You may submit up to one (1) nomination for each award category. Therefore, you may submit up to five (5) nominations (one nomination for each of the five award categories).
3. You may submit the same nominee's name (individual, business, agency, or non-business entity) in several different categories.
4. All nominations must include your name and contact information should our Selection Committee have any questions. Anonymous or illegible submissions will be rejected.
5. Describe, in as much detail as possible, why you believe the candidate should be granted the award. You may wish to cite specific examples, such as projects, dates, significant accomplishments and impact on the community. You may also submit news articles, press releases, literature, website links and photos, if any, in support.
6. Current Officers and Directors serving on the AACC Board of Directors, and their immediate family members, are not eligible. Prior Award Recipients for the last four (4) years are also not eligible.
7. Award finalists, recipients and guests, by appearing at the Golden Dragon Awards (a public forum), give consent to use their names and photos obtained at the Awards Ceremony for AACC publicity purposes.
8. Rising Star nominees also must meet the following criteria and provide supplemental information (A-D):
 - A. Nominee must list a demonstrable record success of achievement dating back to at least 2014 (three years).
 - B. Nominations must include a resume or biography providing background such as education, work history, awards, organizational leadership, enterprise and community involvement.
 - C. Nominees must be a Central Florida resident (Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, Volusia counties).
 - D. Nominations must include at least one letter of endorsement and no more than three (3) letters.
9. Asian Entrepreneur of the Year nominees also must meet the following criteria and provide supplemental information (A-F):
 - A. Nominee must be of Asian heritage.
 - B. Nominees must have a minimum 51% ownership in his/her company and employ a minimum workforce of five.
 - C. Nominee must list a demonstrable record success of business success dating back to at least 2012 (five years). The record of success includes, but is not limited to, a listing of major accomplishments in business, economic development, procurement, supplier diversity, employee growth and/or access to capital.
 - D. Nominations must include a resume or biography providing background such as education, work history, and dates of established business/residency in Central Florida.
 - E. Nominee must demonstrate leadership capabilities and community service.
 - F. Nominees / nominations are encouraged to include letters of endorsement, prior awards, etc. limited to five (5) pages of materials.