



ROBERT E. RUSS AWARD DESCRIPTION & QUALIFICATIONS

The Robert E. Russ Award recognizes one individual for outstanding contributions to the Ruston-Lincoln business community or overall economic development of the area. The person cannot be an elected official who currently holds office nor can they be on the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber Board of Directors. This person must have made several contributions to the betterment of the business community.

When considering a name for the new award, the Chamber Board decided to name it in honor of the founder of Ruston, Louisiana – Robert E. Russ. This award is one of the highest honors given by the Chamber to an individual in the Ruston-Lincoln business community who has contributed to the business advancement or development of this region in an outstanding manner during the preceding year.

Guidelines:

- 1 The nominee must have been a citizen of Lincoln Parish since Jan. 1, 2017;
- 2 An individual can be nominated in multiple and successive years, but can only be honored by the award one time.
- 3 It is not required that the Russ Award be given every year.
- 4 It is the selection committee's responsibility to critique and consider nominations and select a recipient based on the nominee's personal contributions toward business and/or economic advancement or development of this region in an outstanding manner during the preceding year.

Past Recipients:

1984 - Pam Love	1996 - Robbie Willard	2007 - John F. Emory, Sr.
1985- John G. "Jack" Ritchie	1997 - Lucius & Mildred McGehee	2008 - Tommy Folk
1986 - Floyd B. James	1998 - Walter Savage	2009 – Dr. Les Guice
1987 - William V. "Bill" Best	1999 - Dr. Daniel Reneau	2010 – Benny Denny
1988 - Clarence E. Faulk, Jr.	2000 - Travis Defreese	2011 – Lynne Gnemi
1989 - William A. Marbury, Jr.	2001 - Bill Cox	2012 – Wayne Parker
1990 - Hale R. Shadow	2002 - Ruth Johnson	2013 – Mayor Dan Hollingsworth
1991 - Dr. Virgil Orr	2003 - O. L. Waltman & L. D. "Buddy" Napper	2014 – Drake Mills
1992 - James Davison	2004 - Linda Graham	2015 – Wilbert "Coach" Ellis
1993 - John E. Maxwell	2005 - John Shealy	2016 – Trott Hunt
1994 - W.A.J. Lewis II	2006 - Bobby Price & John O'Neal	
1995 - Eddie Robinson		

2017 Robert E. Russ Award Nomination Form

Return to the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce by December 15, 2017, 5 p.m.

Mail or bring to: 2111 North Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270

Fax: (318) 255-3481

Email: iflowers@rustonlincoln.org

Nominee for Robert E. Russ Award: _____

Number of years lived in Lincoln Parish: _____

Examples of the nominee's outstanding contributions to the civic, business or cultural advancement or development of the region must be included. These examples may be in the form of letters of recommendation and other supporting documentation such as newspaper articles.

Once the selection committee has chosen a winner, we will contact you to arrange to have the winner attend our annual banquet where the award will be presented.

This nomination has been submitted by:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Thank you for presenting this nomination form and the attached documentation to the Robert E. Russ award selection committee.