



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, in honor of the founder of Ruston, Louisiana, Robert E. Russ. This award is one of the highest honors given by the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce (RLCOC) to an individual. Nominations will be accepted through December 3, 2018. The award will be presented at the Chamber’s 99th Annual Banquet on the evening of Thursday, January 15, 2019.

Guidelines:

- 1 This award will be open to any resident of Lincoln Parish, male or female. It is not required that this person be a member of the RLCOC.
- 2 The nominee cannot be a paid professional leader, an elected official who currently holds office, or a current member of the RLCOC Board of Directors.
- 3 The nominee must have made several contributions to the betterment of the business community.
- 4 An individual can be nominated in multiple and successive years but can only be honored by the award one time.
- 5 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 year. However, the committee can take into account the activities of the individual over the last three years.
- 6 It is not required that the Russ Award be given every year.

Past Recipients:

1984 - Pam Love
1985- John G. “Jack” Ritchie
1986 - Floyd B. James
1987 - William V. “Bill” Best
1988 - Clarence E. Faulk, Jr.
1989 - William A. Marbury, Jr.
1990 - Hale R. Shadow
1991 - Dr. Virgil Orr
1992 - James Davison
1993 - John E. Maxwell
1994 - W.A.J. Lewis II
1995 - Eddie Robinson

1996 - Robbie Willard
1997 - Lucius & Mildred McGehee
1998 - Walter Savage
1999 - Dr. Daniel Reneau
2000 - Travis Defreese
2001 - Bill Cox
2002 - Ruth Johnson
2003 - O. L. Waltman & L. D.
“Buddy” Napper
2004 - Linda Graham
2005 - John Shealy
2006 - Bobby Price & John O’Neal

2007 - John F. Emory, Sr.
2008 - Tommy Folk
2009 – Dr. Les Guice
2010 – Benny Denny
2011 – Lynne Gnemi
2012 – Wayne Parker
2013 – Mayor Dan Hollingsworth
2014 – Drake Mills
2015 – Wilbert “Coach” Ellis
2016 – Trott Hunt
2017 – JN Walpole

2018 Robert E. Russ Award Nomination Form

Return to the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce by Dec. 3, 2018

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

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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, newspaper articles, etc.

Thank you for taking the time and effort to put the spotlight on a deserving individual!

This nomination has been submitted by:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____