

Greater Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce

Annual Awards General information

Introduction

The Greater Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce has served the Hillsborough Community for many years recognizing businesses and individuals who have demonstrated professional excellence and commitment to the Greater Hillsborough community. This recognition has come by honoring them in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, and most recently

The Employee of the Year.

In years past, the awards process was managed by the Annual Dinner Committee who along with moving the nomination process along, also handled all the details of providing dinner to a large crowd with the awards ceremony being the highlight of the evening. In 2018, this management process switched to the shoulders of the Business After Hours Committee.

Business After Hours Committee

The Business After Hours Committee is responsible for Chamber networking events held at individual business locations or community venues. Additionally, the BAH Committee is responsible for the annual awards ceremony. Board members and community members make up the committee who all volunteer their time to this worthy effort. Their role in the decision process for award winners is to carefully read each nominee application, to discuss the merits of each, and to then vote for one nominee in each category. Once the award winners are determined by the committee, the list of recommended award winners is taken to the Board of Directors for a final vote by the Chair of the Business After Hours Committee.

Executive Director Responsibilities

One of the Executive Director's responsibilities is to serve alongside all Chamber committees assisting them with their work and helping to move the work forward. In the case of the Business After Hours Committee, the Executive Director's role is to provide marketing and logistics support as decisions are made by the committee. In this capacity, the Executive Director is directly responsible for soliciting and marketing nominations for awards, working with the Chamber accountant to pay event invoices, and tracking the event budget, as well as guiding the committee on the process used for determining annual award winners. The Executive Director does not comment or vote on nominees.

Award Categories

The Business After Hours Committee and Chamber Board work together to decide what award categories are offered annually. Nominees may be from any town served by the GHCOG. Categories for award nominations follow. Requirements for each category can be found on our website at ghcoch.org.

- Citizen of the Year
- Student Citizen of the Year (Age 18 & Under)
- Business of the Year
- Non-Profit Organization of the Year
- Employee of the Year (public, private, trades)

Nomination Period

The nominations period is announced when the public is invited to submit nominations. This time period varies from year to year and precedes the scheduled award ceremony by approximately three months allowing for time to make nominations, and the committee and Board votes.

Nominating Rules

A nomination form is available for download on the GHCOG website located at ghcoch.org and the GHCOG offices. Other locations are added at the discretion of the GHCOG. All those submitting nominations should use the official form following the instructions provided. No other forms of submission will be accepted, providing all nominees with an equal playing field.

Award Ceremony Scheduling

Scheduling of the awards ceremony is at the discretion of the Business After Hours Committee and the Greater Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Board Member & Staff Eligibility

Board members, staff, and their families are not eligible for awards during a Board member's term of service or staff employment.