



2018 Outstanding Small Business Award Nomination Form

The recipient of this award is a local small business that has demonstrated stability, innovation, a dedication to community, ability to overcome challenges, and a commitment to diversity.

Nominee Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____ **Email** _____

Business start date _____ **# of Full-Time Employees** (incl. independent contractors) _____

List all company locations _____

Nominated By _____

Name Company Phone/Email

Award Qualifiers:

- Must have 2 - 64 full-time equivalent employees (including all independent contractors).
- Business is physically located in the tri-county region.
- Min. of 3 years conducting business as both a legal and active owner (involved in the daily operations).
- The business must have been local (tri-county region) for the entire 3-year period.
- The business must have remained in the same general industry for the entire 3-year period.

Please attach a typewritten response to the questions below. This section may be completed by the nominator, nominee or a combination thereof.

1. Small Business

- Briefly describe how the nominee is actively involved in the operation of the business.
- Please provide a brief history of the business

2. Innovation

- Describe how the business has demonstrated creativity and innovation (e.g. in operations, marketing, products & services, etc.), as well as flexibility to change with the evolving business market.

3. Commitment to Community

- Describe how the nominee has demonstrated a commitment to the community, through involvement in initiatives, organizations, investment in the lives of others, financial contributions, and/or other activities.

4. Commitment to Diversity

- What has the company done to demonstrate that the nominee values diversity?

5. *Perseverance*

- Discuss professional, competitive, and personal hardships that the nominee has had overcome to become a successful small business owner. (These may include societal disadvantages due to race, ethnic background, age, handicap, gender, religion, etc.)

Completed nominations must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 11, 2019

Mail nominations to Lansing Regional Chamber Awards, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 200, Lansing, MI 48912, or email to MichiganPremierEvents@lansingchamber.org.