

Nomination Criteria

Business of the Year Small & Medium

1. Must be an active business in Great Falls
2. Must be a member in good standing with the Chamber of Commerce.
3. Must have been in business for at least 2 years.
4. Revenue between .5 million and 20 million annually with 50 or less employees
5. Must be an independently owned business.
6. Has demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics: Revenue growth and/or job growth. - Innovative products or services - Provides exemplary customer service - Encourages and provides professional development of staff - Volunteers in Great Falls community.

Business of the Year Large

1. Must be an active business with a location in Great Falls.
2. Must be a member in good standing with the Chamber of Commerce.
3. Must have been in business for at least 3 years.
4. Must be an independently owned business.
5. Has demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics: Innovative products or services - Provides exemplary customer service - Encourages and provides professional development of staff - Volunteers in Great Falls community.
6. Revenue of 20 million or more annually with 50 or more employees.

Non-Profit of the Year

1. Must be an active 501-C3 organization operating in Great Falls.
2. Must be a member in good standing with the Chamber of Commerce.
3. Must have been in operation for at least 3 years.
4. Must have shown exemplary support to the Great Falls area.
5. Has demonstrated the following: Demonstrate outstanding contributions to the community or provide quantitative results of the initiative. - Nominee must have shown the impact, supporting data and needs of the organization's work. - Nominee must have shown organizational excellence and responsibility to stakeholders. - Mission statement of the non-profit organization must be provided.

Ambassador of the Year

1. Exemplifies volunteerism and represents the Chamber's Mission, Vision & Values.
2. Regularly attends Chamber functions and volunteers at Chamber activities.
3. Supports and facilitates the successes of other Ambassadors.
4. Willing to help with any activities that may come along.
5. Builds and strengthens the commerce of Great Falls by active participation in community events.

Entrepreneur of the Year

1. At least 18 years of age
2. Exemplify Leadership in their field.
3. Demonstrate the importance of entrepreneurship as a way to effect positive change.
4. Have achieved tangible and material entrepreneurial success.
5. Demonstrates strong entrepreneurial mindset: creative approaches, willingness to take risks, engages others, faces ambiguity with enthusiasm.
6. In good standing with the Chamber and gives back to the community.
7. Must have been in operation for at least 3 years.

Customer Service Champion of the Year

1. Demonstrates outstanding customer service and personalized interactions.
2. Be in good standing with the Chamber.
3. Exhibits knowledge and competency, providing clear and transparent communication to all audiences.
4. Proactive with customers' needs and wants.
5. Contributes to improvements in the quality of service to students, staff, faculty and/or the public through timely responsiveness and resourcefulness.
6. Regularly goes the extra mile to serve his or her customers and supports the Great Falls community.

Emerging Leader of the Year

1. Already made significant contributions to the community.
2. Shown outstanding promise for long term continuation of leadership.
3. Community leadership as demonstrated through self-awareness, collaboration, service, commitment to a cause and community impact.

Youth Empowerment Award

1. Makes a powerful and positive impact on the youth in our community, taking initiative to support/assist them.
2. Good knowledge of community resources and facilities available to the youth in our community.
3. Ability to establish trust and maintain support with youth.

Volunteer of the Year – Have I Given Enough?

The Steve and Penny Kubick Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

This award, hosted/sponsored by the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Committee, and 1st Liberty Federal Credit Union, honors the service given by Mr. Stephen Kubick and his wife Penny. The award recognizes Great Falls community members for their significant contributions to the Great Falls Community, including support of those who currently wear the military uniform, those who have served our nation and their families in an active duty, guard or reserve role.

1. The nominees must be serving in the local community.
2. Nominations must include facts and specific accomplishments that clearly state the contributions to the Great Falls community including support of those who currently wear the military uniform, those who have served our nation and their families in an active duty, guard, or reserve role, along with the various service opportunities the nominee performed and the results of the nominee's efforts. When applicable, nominations will include specific examples in any of these areas:
 - 2.1. Participation in Base and Community Activities.
 - 2.2. Articulate and Influential Spokesperson for the Base and Community.
 - 2.3. Voluntary Service in Great Falls Organizations and Activities.
 - 2.4. Contributions to the Youth or Public Education.
 - 2.5. Moral and Religious Leadership.
 - 2.6. Contributions to the Resolution of Contemporary Social Problems.
 - 2.7. Membership in Professional, Civic, or Cultural Organizations.
 - 2.8. Self-Improvement Efforts.
 - 2.9. Leadership and Other Accomplishments.
3. Anyone in the Great Falls Community may submit one nomination.
4. Nominations for posthumous awards are accepted.