

**The Houston & District Chamber of Commerce
Annual Business Excellence Awards 2016**

Don't miss your opportunity to nominate in one or more of the below categories. **Please let us know why you have chosen to nominate the person or business as your comments will be used in the winner presentation. These comments will be use by the committee when judging the award.** Or, if you own a business that you feel has excelled in the past year let us know about it. The nominee must have been in business in Houston & Area for a minimum of one year (with the exception of Young & Citizen of the Year). The awards are based on the 2015 calendar year. Deadline for nominations is September 15, 2016.

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Retailer of the Year: This award acknowledges a business that markets and advertises effectively. The business is proactive to changing market trends, provides a variety of products it willingly stands behind and gives good value.

Business you would like to nominate: _____

Why or how you feel this nominee has excelled in the past year:

Home Based Business of the Year: This award recognizes those individuals that have sought out innovative ways to provide quality product(s) and/or service(s) through a home based business.

Business/Individual you would like to nominate: _____

Why or how you feel this nominee has excelled in the past year:

Customer Service Award – Business: This award recognizes a business's dedication to customer satisfaction through integrity and excellent service and/or development of an outstanding product, beyond customer expectation. It also provides staff with updated training to meet changing customer needs.

Business you would like to nominate: _____

Why or how you feel this nominee has excelled in the past year:

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Customer Service Award – Employee: This award recognizes those individuals that have sought out innovated ways to provide excellent customer service and go above and beyond customer expectation.

Individual you would like to nominate: _____

Why or how you feel this nominee has excelled in the past year:

Community Spirit Award: This award recognizes a community service group project, business or non-profit organization whose accomplishments have significantly benefited the community over the past year.

Business/organization you would like to nominate: _____

Why or how you feel this nominee has excelled in the past year:

Business Person of the Year: This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated personal strength while inspiring motivation and encouragement in others.

Individual you would like to nominate: _____

Why or how you feel this nominee has excelled in the past year:

Young Citizen of the Year: This nominee is under the age of 30 years who is an outstanding individual who has significantly contributed to the betterment of the community. The criteria to be considered includes, but is not limited to: participation in community activities; membership or contributions in community groups; in general by their activities, assist in improving the service activities or quality of community life.

Individual you would like to nominate: _____

Why or how you feel this nominee has excelled in the past year:

Citizen of the Year: This nominee is over the age of 30 years who is an outstanding individual who has significantly contributed to the betterment of the community. The criteria to be considered includes, but is not limited to: participation in community activities; membership or contributions in community groups; in general by their activities, assist in improving the service activities or quality of community life.

Individual you would like to Nominate: _____

Why or how you feel this nominee has excelled in the past year:

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Educator of the Year: This award recognizes individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the education of the youth of Houston and strives to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. Candidates will be considered primarily on the basis of the following criteria with the understanding that criteria is a basis for a nomination however not all requirements need to be met.

Candidates will have:

1. Demonstrated concern for individual students.
2. Shown a willingness to devote time and energy to activities which result in improved instruction for students.
3. Proven the ability to work effectively in the community and to inspire learning.
4. Established an ability to create and use innovative practices to inspire learning.
5. Created an atmosphere to inspire students to learn social skills, work ethics, and accountability in addition to academics.
6. Encouraged students to participate in community activities to better prepare students for career opportunities and civic responsibilities.
7. Promoted and encouraged continuing education in post secondary institutions, the trades or other areas enabling students to achieve their full potential.

Please send in nomination form to Houston & District Chamber of Commerce:

Fax: 250-845-3682 manager@houstonchamber.ca or mail to:

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