



The Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce 18th Annual Business Excellence Awards

Don't miss the opportunity to recognize outstanding business achievement in our community. Nominations can be made in one or more categories.

If you know of a business or individual that you feel has excelled and/or has contributed to our community in the past year let us know about it. Each nominee must have been in business in the Quesnel area for a minimum of one year. The Young Entrepreneur Award is exempted from the one year operation criteria. Awards are based on the calendar year from January 1 to December 31 2011. Deadline for nominations is October 28, 2011. Nominees are not required to be Chamber of Commerce members.

To qualify, nominations must include at least 3 specific reasons an individual or business has excelled in their field or in the local community and also be accompanied by a detailed description that does not exceed 500 words. Each nomination must be accompanied by the nominator's name, address and telephone number *and* contact details for each nominee. All nominations are returned to an independent committee that will determine the eligibility of nominees in each category, and then move the nominations forward to a non-partisan judging committee. Winners remain confidential until the Award presentation.

The 2011 Business Excellence Awards will be announced January 28, 2012

The nine award categories are:

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: This category acknowledges a business that provides outstanding value to its clientele, markets its products and services innovatively and advertises effectively. This business is proactive to changing market trends, provides a variety of products and/or services it willingly stands behind and provides good consumer value.

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR: This category recognizes a person who sets an example as a dedicated leader and a caretaker of the spirit of entrepreneurship within the business community. This person continually projects a positive image in the community and works to motivate and encourage other entrepreneurs.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD: This category recognizes a business's dedication to customer satisfaction through integrity and excellent service and/or the development of an outstanding product that exceeds customer expectations. This business also provides staff with on-going training to meet changing customer needs.



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EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: This category recognizes an employee who has demonstrated initiative and enthusiasm for the job, provides exemplary customer service, displays creativity, has taken a leadership role and has consistently worked with team spirit in their place of business. Business owners are not eligible for nomination in this category.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD: This category recognizes a business, community service group, project, individual or non-profit organization whose accomplishments have significantly benefited others, including but not exclusive to, the Quesnel community, over the past year through voluntary or other participation in community organizations or humanitarian work.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR: This category recognizes an entrepreneur, under the age of 30, who has demonstrated creative business excellence, innovation and leadership. This individual must be at least part owner of a business. The Young Entrepreneur award is the only category that does not require the business to have operated for a full calendar year.

HOME BASED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: This category recognizes a business or individual who has cultivated innovative ways to provide quality product(s) and/or service(s) as a home based business.

GO GREEN AWARD: This category recognizes innovative businesses that are making a difference through the sustainable use of renewable resources, creating environmental benefits, or developing innovative methods for energy conservation in environmentally sustainable ways. The category acknowledges a business that demonstrates its commitment to the protection of the environment as a shared responsibility.

TOURISM EXCELLENCE AWARD: This category acknowledges the efforts made by an individual, business or organization to effectively promote Quesnel & area as a tourism destination and enhance and improve the enjoyment of visitors coming to our area.

Please return nomination forms by **October 28 2011** at any drop off location listed in the paper or to the Quesnel Visitor Centre by Email: gvisitor@quesnelbc.com or Fax: 250-992-2181 or by mail to: 703 Carson Avenue, Quesnel, BC V2J 2B6

For your convenience there is also a downloadable PDF form posted on the Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce website that can be filled in and printed. You can access this at form at: <http://www.quesnelchamber.com/>



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NOMINATION INFORMATION

Name of Award:

Name of Nominee:

Nominee's Mailing Address:

Nominee's Phone Number:

Email Address:

Support for nomination – For a nominee to be eligible, please list at least three specific reasons you feel this individual or business merits nomination. Please follow your reasons with a detailed recommendation that does not exceed 500 words. If you require more room please use the next page. You need to complete all boxes marked in red and please use separate forms for each nomination. All form fields marked in red are required. A separate forms is required for each nomination.

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Nominator's Information

Your name:

Your Phone Number:

Your Email Address:

Would you be willing to sponsor lunch for your nominee

YES

NO

Would you be willing to sponsor your nominees' Award Dinner

YES

NO

Date of Submission: (Month)

(Day)

2011

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Supporting Information for Nomination (maximum 500 words):