



# 2018 Business Excellence Awards Nominations Entry Form

## SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

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The Small Business of the Year Award is open to any Dutchess County Business with 5-25 employees (including an owner which is involved in day-to-day operations).

### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

- Current business performance
- Business growth over the last 24 month period
- Future growth potential
- Demonstrated ability to overcome and respond to changes in market or extraordinary circumstance
- Key differentiation factors and competitive analysis

### **RULES FOR NOMINATIONS:**

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- Please complete entry forms electronically as .pdf
- Self-Nominations will be accepted.
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## LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

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The Large Business of the Year Awards is open to any Dutchess County Business with more than 25 employees.

### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Business growth and potential
- Competitive analysis and understanding of market
- Clear vision and strategic objectives for future growth
- Demonstrated ability to overcome and respond to changes in market or extraordinary circumstance
- Commitment to the local community including local job creation

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## INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR

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The Poughkeepsie Journal

The Poughkeepsie Journal Innovator of the Year Award recognizes the organizations and people who bring new ideas to life. The award is open to any Dutchess County organization, public or private, irrespective of size or industry sector, which has developed and brought to market a unique product or service which advances and adds value to the local job market, industry and society as a whole.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

- Innovation Process
- Value to industry/society
- Demonstrated growth process
- Potential for growth

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## NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

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The Nonprofit of the Year Award recognizes a community agency for its efforts in making Dutchess County a better place to live and work. The award is open to any Dutchess County-based 501(c)(3), irrespective of size and budget, which encourages economic activity in local communities, provides employment opportunities and demonstrates superior performance, quality and consistency in pursuit of its mission.

### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Impact on population served
- Enrichment of company mission through innovative approaches
- Community involvement and outreach
- Commitment to staff and volunteers

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