

Jay County Chamber of Commerce
2017 Jay County Community Awards Nomination Form
Who is making a difference in your community?

Awards will be given for the nine categories listed below. The finalists will be announced at the Annual Meeting in January 2018 and winners will be determined by voting from the membership of the Chamber.

The deadline to submit nominations is **Friday, December 1, 2017.**

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

**** Please attach additional information about the nominee explaining why they are being nominated.**

Select the award category are you nominating the above individual/business/organization for. Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Business of the Year</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Innovator of the Year</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Not-For-Profit of the Year</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Citizen of the Year</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Industry of the Year</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Small Community Commitment</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Dunkirk Community Commitment</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Lifetime Achievement</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Young Professional of the Year</i> |

PERSON SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION: _____ **Phone #** _____

AWARD GUIDELINES

Business of the Year

1. Any for-profit business located in Jay County is eligible.
2. Nominated business must be a member in good standing with the Jay County Chamber of Commerce.

Citizen of the Year

1. Nominee must live or work in Jay County.
2. The award shall be in recognition of exemplary volunteer participation and contribution by an individual toward activities, progress and welfare in the best interest of Jay County and its citizens during the **2017 calendar year.**

Dunkirk Community Commitment Award

1. Nominee has demonstrated a sincere commitment to the Dunkirk community through both personal efforts and leadership for the betterment of Dunkirk.

Innovator of the Year

1. Nominated Business must be located or individual must work or live in Jay County and be a member in good standing of the Jay County Chamber of Commerce.
2. The award will recognize introduction of new products, breakthrough solutions addressing business or societal problems, inventions, or growing an existing product line through a unique approach or process improvement.

Industry of the Year

1. Nominee must be a manufacturer, provider of services or represent a specific industry located in Jay County and be a member in good standing with the Jay County Chamber of Commerce.
2. Nominee demonstrates innovative concepts regarding manufacturing processes, excellence in services to customers and/or outstanding contributions to a specific industry.

Lifetime Achievement

1. The award shall be in recognition of exemplary volunteer participation and contribution by a resident of Jay County who exhibits dedication to the community's welfare over an extended period of time.

Not-For-Profit of the Year

1. 501 (C) recognized organization located in Jay County; serving the Jay County area; demonstrating effective fund raising and resource development; supporting the community while adhering to the not-for-profit's mission
2. Nominated organization must be a member in good standing with the Jay County Chamber of Commerce.

Small Community Commitment Award

1. Nominee must be a person, small group or organization that works or lives in a small community within Jay County and has demonstrated loyalty and support to a person, cause or organization, improving the business environment or quality of living of that small community of 4,200 residents or less.
2. Preference should be given to Chamber members; however, it is not a requirement for this award.
3. Voting will be by the Board of Directors and Ex-Officio Members of the Jay County Chamber of Commerce and its Executive Director, majority rules. Nomination Committee to have three votes to prevent ties.

Young Professional of the Year

1. Nominee must demonstrate success in at least one of the following areas:
Leadership & Entrepreneurship – Demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession.
Community Leadership—Provides valuable service to Jay County through community involvement.
Mentorship – Serves as a role model for Young Leaders both personally and professionally.
2. Nominee must be between the ages of 21 and 40 during the year ending December 31, 2017 and be a member or work for a member in good standing with the Jay County Chamber of Commerce.