

Yorkton Chamber of Commerce
Celebrate Success 2012
Award Categories

Community Involvement sponsored by Cornerstone Credit Union

To be awarded to the business that demonstrates outstanding performance in its contribution to recreation, amateur sports, arts and culture, education, charitable or non-profit groups and business development/promotion of the city, through time and/or financial support. Judging will take into account relative size of the business.

Property Restoration sponsored by City of Yorkton

Awarded to the BUSINESS that demonstrates exceptional performance in restoring or revitalizing an older existing building or property to be aesthetically pleasing. Nominees must have had the restoration done within the last **five** years. This Award is designed to encourage businesses to make their places of business more attractive thereby increasing business activity, employee performance, enhancing land values and offering an enticing setting for new businesses planning to locate in Yorkton and area. Entrants will be judged on level of property upkeep, effective reuse of buildings, architecture, neatness, use of signage or interior presentation, and environmentally sound building practices. The redecoration or finishing of new, vacant business sites, such as in malls, not eligible. Judging will take into account the relative size of the business. Please include photographs when submitting this Nomination.

Business Expansion sponsored by Bank of Montreal

To be awarded to a business which has been **expanded** within the past **five** years and has demonstrated exceptional performance in terms of expansion into a new product, service, or line of business, or the creation of new markets and/or jobs. Judging will take into account relative size of the business.

New Business Venture sponsored by Key Chevrolet Cadillac Ltd.

To be awarded to a business which has been **established** within the past **five** years and has demonstrated exceptional performance in terms of expansion into a new product, service, or line of business, or the creation of new markets and/or jobs. Judging will take into account relative size of the business.

Customer Service sponsored by RBC Financial Group

This award recognizes a business dedicated to customer satisfaction, consistently demonstrating excellence in the delivery of its products, services and/or hospitality. Criteria will examine services offered by the business, and training programs offered for staff and management. Judging will take into account relative size of the business.

Young Entrepreneur sponsored by TD Canada Trust

Awarded to a young entrepreneur (**age 35 or under as of December 31, 2011**), who has established or expanded a business. The young entrepreneur will have achieved success in the start-up or operation of a new or existing business and will have long term goals and the strategies to achieve these goals. Judging will take into account the relative size of the business and the length of time it has been operating.

Award of Excellence (formally the Wall of Success Award) **sponsored by ParkerQuine LLP**

This award is designed to recognize pioneer and corner stone business leaders who have demonstrated excellence over an extended period of time and whose business has contributed to the economic well-being of Yorkton and immediate area. The business must have been in continuous operation for at least fifteen (15) years, but does not need to be currently operating in order to be eligible. An individual that has owned/operated several businesses over a minimum of 15 consecutive years will also be eligible.

Names of the recipients of this one time award will remain in perpetuity on the Wall of Success. Once a business or individual has received this honour, the business or individual is not eligible for nomination in this category in subsequent years.

Community Merit Award sponsored by SaskTel

Awarded to recognize organizations and/or events, including churches and charitable fundraisers, contributing to the overall quality of life and economy of the community. Consideration for this award will include areas such as number of volunteers, community partners, economic spin-offs, regional/provincial/national recognition, lasting legacy and contribution to the community.

Work and Family Balance Award sponsored by Parkland Mall

This award recognizes a business that promotes work, life and family balance through a collaborative and community action approach. Candidates will be considered who demonstrate innovative and creative policies that are responsive to employees with family responsibilities; to recognize an employer who creates a family friendly climate, one that attracts and retains the best people.

Diversity Leadership Award sponsored by CIBC

The Diversity Leadership Award recognizes a business that embraces diversity in its workforce, encouraging respect and inclusion, eliminating discrimination and barriers, and helping to create welcoming and inclusive workplaces and communities.

This award recognizes a business that is integrating diversity into its workplaces so that employees, clients/customers and others are respected and included. Diversity can take many forms. It can include:

- Our ethno-cultural, Aboriginal, religious and racial backgrounds
- Whether we were born here or have moved here from another place
- Our abilities and disabilities
- Our gender, and
- Other personal differences

Business of the Year Award sponsored by SaskPower

The recipient of this award is selected from all nominations in all categories except Award of Excellence and Community Merit. Individual nominations for Business of the Year are not solicited.