

## 2012 Yorkton Celebrate Success Business Awards

### RULES & REGULATIONS

- Deadline for receipt of **Nomination Forms** is **January 20**. Deadline for receipt of **Nominee Information Packages or Videos** is **January 27, 2012**.
- A business may submit their own nomination, or the nomination may be submitted by a third party.
- A Nominee Information Package must be fully completed for the particular category under consideration. The **alternative** is to produce **an electronic version** which addresses all the questions posed in the Nominee Information Package. Nominee must sign the Consent Form contained in the Package indicating the nominee's consent and approval. If a Video is submitted, the Nominee must also sign and submit the Consent Form from the Nominee Information Package.
- Videos must not be longer than 5 minutes.
- Nominations must comply with the general criteria for the category under consideration, as described in the Celebrate Success Nominee Information Package.
- Business of the Year will be selected from all business nominations that meet the criteria. No individual nominations will be solicited for this category.
- A nominee may be nominated in more than one category, but may only win in one category
- A nominee may not win in the same category for 2 consecutive years, however, this does not preclude winning in different categories in consecutive years.
- Previous recipients of Wall Of Success award are not eligible for nomination in the Award of Excellence category.
- A sponsor of a particular category may not be considered as a nominee in that particular category.
- Members of the Judging Committee will not submit nominations.
- Nominees may be businesses, organizations, or individuals (except Crown Corporations) in the City of Yorkton and the immediate area.
- A nominator may submit nominations in any or all categories except Business of the Year.
- **All information** contained in **nomination forms** and **consent forms** is to remain **confidential**. The identity of nominees, and the particulars of the nominations are confidential and are not to be discussed outside the Judging Committee
- The Judging Committee will be comprised of 7 individuals who will be introduced as Honoured Judges at the Awards Banquet
- In an instance where a Judge finds him/herself in a conflict of interest, he/she will identify same, and be excused from discussions and voting in that instance
- Judges are allowed one vote for each round of voting; no absentee or proxy votes will be accepted
- Judges must base their decisions/votes on the content of the nominations presented, and not allow personal bias or opinions based on personal experience with the nominee to affect their judgment.
- Only one recipient will be selected from a maximum of 3 finalists in each category, and up to 3 recipients selected from a maximum of 6 finalists in the Award of Excellence (formerly Wall of Success) and Community Merit Award categories.

- The recipient of the Business of the Year category must have been in business for at least 3 years as of December 31, 2011.
- The recipient of the Young Entrepreneur award must be under the age of 35 as of December 31, 2011 and will have **established** or **expanded** a successful business.
- Recipients of the Award of Excellence (formerly Wall of Success) category must have been in continuous operation for at least 15 years as of December 31, 2011, but do **not have to be currently** operating in order to be eligible.
- The recipient of the Property Restoration category must have completed the restoration within the past 5 years.
- The recipient of the Business Expansion Award must have complete the expansion within the past 5 years.
- Past nominations for Community Merit Award and Award of Excellence (formerly Wall of Success), that have not been selected in those categories, may be re-submitted for consideration again with the approval of the respective nominees and upon meeting current category criteria. “One-time events” in the Community Merit Award are not eligible for re-submission.
- Community Merit Award is open to nominations for organizations and events including churches and charitable fund-raisers.
- Business of the Year Award is to be selected from **all business nominations excluding** Award of Excellence and Community Merit Award. Individual nominations are not accepted for this category. If the recipient of Business of the Year has also been selected as an Award recipient in another category, it will defer to the nominee placing second in the other category.