



Arlington Chamber of Commerce 2016 Outstanding Small Business, Veteran-Owned & Not-For-Profit Organization Awards

Overview:

Every year, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce recognizes a small business, a non-profit and a Veteran-owned organization in the community for their achievements, innovativeness, response to adversity and contributions to aid community-oriented projects. The Arlington Chamber utilizes the Small Business Administration's widely used size standards to define "small business"—500 maximum employees for most manufacturing and mining industries and \$7.5 million maximum in average annual receipts for most non-manufacturing industries.

Award Categories & Selection Criteria Defined by the Chamber's Business Development Advisory Council:

- I. *Outstanding Small Business of the Year* selection criteria:
 - a. Business longevity
 - b. Employment growth
 - c. Sales increases or product/service diversification
 - d. Response to economic and business adversity
 - e. Civic engagement and participation
 - f. Site visit (optional)
- II. *Outstanding Not-for-Profit Organization of the Year* selection criteria:
 - a. Organization's longevity
 - b. Growth in volunteers & patrons served
 - c. Innovativeness of community service
 - d. Collaboration with other not-for-profit agencies
 - e. Response to economic adversity
 - f. Site visit (optional)
- III. *Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year* selection Criteria:
 - a. At least 51% owned, managed, and controlled by one or more veterans from a Military branch of the United States.
 - b. Business longevity
 - c. Employment growth
 - d. Sales increases or product/service diversification
 - e. Response to economic and business adversity
 - f. Civic engagement and participation
 - g. Site visit (optional)

Award Procedures and Timeline:

<u>Step</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Action</u>
I.	February 26, 2016	Nominations deadline
II.	February 29, 2016	Nominees sent questionnaire & affidavit
III.	March 24, 2016	Nominees deadline for submitting completed questionnaire and affidavit of good standing forms
IV.	April 7, 2016	Finalists selected
V.	April 11 —15, 2016	Selection committee conducts site visit (optional)
VI.	April 18, 2016	Final evaluation of finalists & winners selected
VII.	May 5, 2016	Winners announced at 2016 Salute to Small Business Awards Luncheon During National Small Business Week – May 5, 2016.



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NOMINATION FORM

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the **2016 Outstanding Small Business, Veteran-Owned** and **Not-for-Profit Organization of the Year Awards**. The winners will be recognized at the 2016 Salute to Small Business Awards Luncheon on May 5, 2016. The Small Business Award recipients selected will be judged on the following criteria: business longevity, employment growth, sales increases or added services, financial strength, response to adversity, and contributions to aid community oriented projects. The Not-For-Profit Organization Award Recipient selected will be judged on the following criteria: organization longevity, volunteer growth, patrons served, innovativeness, collaboration with other not-for-profit agencies and response to adversity. Award Recipients must be a current member in good standing with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

The Arlington Chamber utilizes the Small Business Administration's widely used size standards to define "Small Business"—500 maximum employees for most manufacturing and mining industries and \$7.5 million in average annual receipts for most nonmanufacturing industries. To nominate a company, simply provide us with the following information and return to the Arlington Chamber of Commerce via email at hlewczyk@arlingtontx.com or mail to the address at the bottom of the page. **SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, February 26, 2016.**

Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Company: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

The Nominee

Company Nominated: _____ Veteran-Owned - Yes: _____ No: _____ Not Sure: _____

Main Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

List products or services provided by company: _____

Website address: _____ Is the company a _____ for-profit or _____ not-for-profit entity?

Email address: _____

Year company established: _____ Is the company based in Arlington? ____ Yes; ____ No.

Please describe your relationship with the nominee: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please indicate why you feel this company/organization merits being selected for the award based on the selection criteria listed above. Please include the nominee company name at the top of the document.

Email or mail to

2016 Small Business of the Year Award
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<u>Recipients:</u>	<u>For Profit</u>	<u>Non-Profit</u>
2015	LBL Architects, Inc.	Boys & Girls Club of Arlington
2014	Galactic Performance/Southern Flair Photography	Dental Health Arlington
2013	Bob Moore Construction	Girls Incorporated of Tarrant County
2012	Graham & Associates, Inc.	SafeHaven of Tarrant County
2011	Wade Family Funeral Home	The Arlington Life Shelter
2010	Schrickel, Rollins and Associates, Inc.	Helping Restore Ability
2009	Bowling Proprietors' Assoc. of America	-----
2008	Peyco Southwest Realty, Inc.	
2007	Tricare Chiropractic, P.A.	<u>Veteran-Owned</u>
2006	Spartan Printing, Inc.	2014 - IKids Pediatric Dentistry