



Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce
2018 Prism Award Application
Category: Small Business of the Year

Eligibility

The Prism Award is given annually to companies that demonstrate excellence in a variety of areas. The nominations for the Prism Awards are open to all businesses in the Eastern Maumee Bay Region and surrounding area where we all live, work, eat, shop, and conduct our business. Awards are given to a cross section of companies including both large multinational corporations and small local retailers. The award is open to community based non-profits and exceptional citizens, young and old.

Category Criteria

The Small Business of the Year Award is granted to a business or organization that has 25 employees or less and demonstrates excellence in its field.

Instructions

The Prism Award application is your opportunity to tell your company's story. Please complete the sections below and provide any additional information you wish.

Applications may be completed either electronically and emailed to the chamber office at director@embchamber.org or delivered to the chamber office: 4350 Navarre Ave., Oregon, OH 43616.

Administrative Information

Nominee Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ website: _____

Year Company or organization opened for business here: _____

Number of employees: 2017: _____ 2018: _____

Nomination submitted by: _____

Application Questions:

In the space provided, please provide a brief history of your company. Include such items as year started, major expansions, addition of new products or services, or any other general information about your organization.

What obstacles have you faced in developing your business and how have you overcome them?

Please provide a practical illustration where creativity and imagination have made your product/service unique and sets your product/service apart from your competition.

Creating Opportunity

Explain how your organization has created opportunity for your employees, customers, suppliers, or other stakeholder groups. You may wish to describe partnerships your organization is involved in which have led to additional business opportunities.

Civic & Community Involvement

Describe the ways your company has been involved in effectively improving the community you serve. In the space below, you may list the type of programs your company supports, the total number of volunteer hours provided to the community, monetary grants made to support local causes, etc.

Safety

Describe the measures your organization takes to promote a safe working environment for workers and customers. In the space below, you may simply list the programs or activities your company uses for safety including reading of the employee manual to providing mandated OSHA training.

Referrals?

Would you recommend our area for other businesses looking to expand to a new area or begin a new venture? If so, what would you tell them?