

## *2020 Excellence in Business Awards*

**Eligibility:** In order to qualify for an Excellence in Business Award, a candidate in each of the five award categories must meet the following criteria for the award

### **Small Business Award (1-25 employees)**

A business which is:

- an active Chamber member of at least one year
- engaged for at least three years in business
- a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company or locally owned, closely held corporation
- employs fewer than 26 employees

### **Small Business Award (26-100 employees)**

A business which is:

- an active Chamber member of at least one year
- engaged for at least three years in business
- a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company or locally owned, closely held corporation
- employs more than 26 and fewer than 101 employees

### **Outstanding Woman in Business Award**

A woman who is:

- an active Chamber member of at least one year
- a business owner or individual in higher management who demonstrates leadership
- employed by a for-profit business or not-for-profit organization

### **Future Leader of the Lehigh Valley**

An individual who is:

- an active Chamber member of at least one year
- less than 41 years of age

### **LGBTQ Business of the Year Award**

A business that is:

- an active Chamber member of at least one year
- owned by a member of the LGBT community or LGBTQ friendly

### **Ambassador Award**

An individual who is:

- an active Chamber member of at least one year
- an effective connector of people to people, people to business, business to business

### **African American Business/Person of the Year Award**

A business or individual that is:

- an active Chamber member of at least one year
  - an African American business owner or individual in higher management who demonstrates leadership
- OR
- a business owned by a member of the African American community

### **Hispanic Business/Person of the year Award**

A business or individual that is:

- an active Chamber member of at least one year
  - a Hispanic business owner or individual in higher management who demonstrates leadership
- OR
- a business owned by a member of the Hispanic community

**Prizes:** The award recipients will receive artwork to include in their literature and advertising to promote their recognition and honor. The awardees may publicize the honor and use the title on promotional literature, advertising and identity packages (letterhead, etc.). The awardees will be recognized in numerous media outlets and public relations materials.

### **Instructions for Submitting Nominations:**

- The deadline for receiving completed nominations is on noon **MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**
- Nominations should be submitted to Ellie Andino at the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce via email at [elliea@lehighvalleychamber.org](mailto:elliea@lehighvalleychamber.org) or fax to 610.437.4907
- A previous winner of an award must wait seven years before becoming eligible for another award in the same category.
- Those who submit applications will be notified of the results within 48 hours of the conclusion of the judgment meeting
- The mission council selecting the award winner may interview the nominees for the award and/or conduct a site visit

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- Officer and directors of the Ambassador Council, LGBTQ Business Council, Small Business Council, Women's Business Council, Young Professionals Council, and member of the excellence in Business Awards committee are not eligible for the awards for their respective councils