



2025 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

NOMINATIONS OPEN THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2026

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE INSTALLATION DINNER: February 19, 2026

Please indicate the appropriate category **(self-nominations ENCOURAGED)**

- ☐ **HOME-BASED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Awarded to an individual running a thriving home-based business, who exemplifies entrepreneurship at home while remaining actively engaged in the community via volunteer efforts and participation.
- ☐ **YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Awarded to an individual under the age of 40 who demonstrates excellent standards of business, has made sustained contributions to the business community, and who functions as a trailblazer and role model for workplace peers.
- ☐ **START-UP BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Awarded to a 1–2-year-old business which has built a solid foundation for moving into the future, as measured by consistent overall growth (both in # of employees & sales growth), innovations of products/services, response to adversity, and contributions to the community.
- ☐ **SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Awarded to a small business that has a history of outstanding business practice and acted in support of the small business community. This award is to honor entrepreneurship, sustainability, productivity, and effort put forth in a small business. A small business is categorized as 30 employees or less.
- ☐ **EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Honoring a business or individual who delivers results, meets, or exceeds milestones, innovates programs/services, demonstrates outstanding community service, and promotes civic involvement.

Please include an attachment highlighting key success and growth metrics for the business, such as financial health, profitability, customer acquisition data, etc. (See sample below)

ABC Business specializes in [insert industry or service]. Over the past year, the company has demonstrated remarkable growth and success, driven by a dedication to quality and innovation.

Business Success:

- **Income Growth:** Revenue increased by 70% from 2023 to 2024, underscoring strong demand and operational excellence.
- **New Contracts:** The business secured a major contract, marking another significant milestone in its expansion
- **Financial Health:** Alongside impressive revenue growth, the business maintains a healthy operating margin and is on track for continued success through ongoing client acquisition.

Community Involvement:

- **Pro-bono Work:** Provided free services to support a struggling local salon, helping them to revitalize their business.
- **Community Clean-Up:** Actively participates in regular community clean-up efforts to preserve local trails and contribute to environmental sustainability.

Business/Organization Nominated _____

Nominee's Name _____ **Phone** _____

Submitted by _____ **Phone** _____

EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: Ann-Marie, Director of Communications & Member Relations:
ann-marie@eldoradohillschamber.org