

## **Nominations to the Annual Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Awards 2026**

The Greater Falls Church Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations through Monday, February 23 at 5:00 pm. Individuals may nominate chamber businesses for more than one award or self-nomination. An ad hoc committee will make award selections which will be announced at the event on Thursday March 19.

Questions may be directed to Elise Neil Bengtson at 703-532-1050 or via e-mail: [elise@fallschurchchamber.org](mailto:elise@fallschurchchamber.org) Nominees will be contacted prior to verify information and secure logos. Please check the category below. **Only those nominations that respond specifically to the criteria and how the nominee stands out will be considered.** Additional pages and supporting documents will be accepted.

**Small Business of the Year**   

**Large Business of the Year**   

**Nonprofit of the Year**   

**Company Culture Excellence Award**   

**Pillar of the Community Award**   

### **Business and Community Award Criteria**

The Greater Falls Church Chamber of Commerce wishes to recognize the most engaged businesses and nonprofits that best embody the values of the Chamber. Nominees must be a member in good standing, carry an excellent reputation and operate within the Greater Falls Church area.

#### **Small Business of the Year**

The Small Business of the Year Award recognizes a business which best embodies the values of the Greater Falls Church Chamber, operates with 10 or less employees and has been in business for more than 4 years. The business must have made a positive impact within their trade or industry, follow best business practices, demonstrate integrity, growth, customer service and engagement in the community through service, volunteerism, investment, or civic engagement.

#### **Large Business of the Year**

The Large Business of the Year Award recognizes a business which best embodies the values of the Greater Falls Church Chamber, operates with 11 or more employees and has been in business for more than 4 years. The business must have made a positive impact within their trade or industry, follow best business practices, demonstrate integrity, growth, customer service and engagement in the community through service, volunteerism, investment, or civic engagement.

#### **Nonprofit of the Year**

The Nonprofit of the Year Award recognizes an organization that has made outstanding contributions to the community. The organization must follow best practices for nonprofits and be an active 501 (c) 3 in the Greater Falls Church area. Attributes include growth, innovation, collaborative efforts, creating synergy and mutual success among partner organizations, increased contributions, strong volunteer support, civic engagement, and positively impact the community.

## Company Culture Excellence Award

The Company Culture Excellence Award recognizes a business that values leadership, best practices, and employees through an exceedingly positive corporate culture. This may be evident in any of the following: healthy work-life balance, green and innovative practice, diversity and inclusion, opportunities for employee training and development, and community engagement.

## **Pillar of the Community Award**

This annual award was established in 1966 to recognize Chamber members who are dedicated to family, community, business, or profession and have made a distinctive contribution to the enrichment of life within the greater Falls Church area.

## Nominations

**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be specific in addressing the criteria and how the nominee stands out.**