



The Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host its 3rd Annual Chamber Awards. The awards will be presented to individuals for outstanding achievements in six distinct award categories listed below. Please submit a completed nomination form by the deadline of **June 4th, 2024 at 11:59pm.**

All finalists must not have won in the category within the last 3 years.

Small Business of the Year (1-50 employee category)

- Nominee must be an active business located or operating in the Greater Fort Myers area;
- Nominee must be in good standing with the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce;
- Nominee must have less than 50 employees;
- Nominee must have primary source of revenues from business operations, rather than grants, donors, or governmental funding
- Nominee must have demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics:
 - Exemplary contributions for a betterment of the Fort Myers area over a continuous period
 - Innovation and creativity in business decisions or in development of specific products or services
 - Community leadership by participating in community activities and contribution of their time, effort, and resources;
 - Significant accomplishments in the past year demonstrated commitment to employee support and development

Large Business of the Year (51+ employee category) – Same criteria as above

Community Impact Award

- Nominee must be in good standing with the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce
- Nominee must be of sound moral character. Their record of success is an inspiration to the community, and they are a credit to their profession
- Nominee will have made a significant impact on the quality of life in the Greater Fort Myers area, either through leadership of their organization or through individual efforts;
- Nominee must exemplify:
 - Community dedication
 - Action which places service to others above self

- Achievements throughout their career

Entrepreneur of the Year Award

An entrepreneur is one who organizes, manages, and assumes the financial risks of a business or enterprise. This independent business owner should exemplify the following:

- Nominee must be an active business located or operating in the Greater Fort Myers area;
- Nominee must be in good standing with the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce;
- The nominee must have noticeably made a mark in the field and led the way for other industry players to follow. Evidence should be provided to demonstrate this;
- Nominee must have demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics:
 - Revenue growth
 - Innovative products and/or services
 - Economic support of the Greater Fort Myers business community

Nonprofit Excellence Award

- Nominee must be an active organization located or operating in the Greater Fort Myers area;
- Nominee must be in good standing with the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce;
- Nominee must be a 501(c)3 or a 501 (c)6;
- Nominee must exemplify the purpose of the award which is to: "Honor a Non-Profit Organization that makes a positive impact on our community"
- Nominee must demonstrate:
 - Benefits of service and how they set the organization apart;
 - Quantitative results of initiative

Young Professional

- Nominee must be affiliated with an active business located or operating in the Greater Fort Myers area;
- Nominee must be in good standing with the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce;
- Nominee must demonstrate a commitment to social responsibility
- Award will recognize one young professional who:
 - Has emerged as a business leader
 - Demonstrated excellence, creativity, and initiative in his or her career and community
 - Nominee must be between the ages of 21-40 to be eligible to receive this award

