

The Bartlesville Regional Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for our annual business awards, which will be presented to recipients at the 114th Annual Awards and Gala on May 15. Nominate a business or individual for the following awards (see criteria below for each award):

Business of the Year
Small Business of the Year
Tom Shoemake Leadership Award
Ernie McAnaw Female Business Leader Award
Jim Gillie Outstanding Citizen Award

To make a nomination, simply submit the company or individual by April 16th to:
swilt@bartlesville.com

or mail to:
Attn: BRCC Awards
Bartlesville Regional Chamber of Commerce
201 SW Keeler
Bartlesville, OK 74003

Nominees will be notified of their nomination and will be sent the information packet to complete. Companies nominated must be Chamber members.

Company or Individual _____
Title or Position (if nominating an individual for an award) _____
Business Address _____
Email _____ Phone number _____
Award being nominated for: _____

Nominated by (your name) _____
Email _____ Phone number _____

Business of the Year

This prestigious award will be presented to a successful business of any size that is innovative and demonstrates a propensity for growth, community involvement and job creation.

Established Criteria:

- Proven staying power – has been in business over 5 years
- Practices high integrity and socially responsible business practices
- Has a successful business model and employs strategies that set the business apart and which have helped overcome business challenges to remain competitive
- Provides innovative product(s) or service(s)
- Has shown growth in employment
- Has increased in sales and/or volume (can be in percentage)
- Values employees and fosters their development by offering benefits and training opportunities
- Demonstrates commitment to the support and promotion of the community
- Fosters community involvement in the culture of the business

Small Business of the Year Award

Small businesses are the backbone of community growth. The Chamber recognizes there are many challenges specific to small business owners. This award will honor a small business that stands out for their sustainability, job growth, and contribution to our local economy and the overall progress of the Bartlesville area.

Established Criteria:

- Must be independently owned and have less than 30 full time equivalent employees
- Proven staying power – has been in business over 3 years
- Practices high integrity and socially responsible business practices
- Has a successful business model and employs strategies that set the business apart and which have helped overcome business challenges to remain competitive
- Provides innovative product(s) or service(s)
- Has shown growth in employment
- Has increased in sales and/or volume (can be in percentage)
- Demonstrates commitment to the support and promotion of the community
- Fosters community involvement in the culture of the business

Tom Shoemake Leadership Award

The Tom Shoemake Leadership Award was established to honor an outstanding leader in the Bartlesville region. The award is named in honor of Tom Shoemake, an active community leader who, in his brief life, was active in leadership roles in the Bartlesville Development Corporation, the Bartlesville Chamber, and many other community organizations. The intent of this award, which was first awarded in 2006 posthumously to its namesake, is to recognize a Bartlesville citizen who exhibits outstanding community leadership. Nominations will be judged by current Leadership Bartlesville class.

Established Criteria (as written on the award):

- Exhibits true leadership by
 - having the courage to make tough decisions
 - has the confidence to stand alone
 - has compassion to listen to the needs of others
 - does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of his/her actions and the integrity of his/her intent
- Has served in active leadership roles in Bartlesville and surrounding region

Ernie McAnaw Award – Female Business Leader

This award is named in memory of Ernie McAnaw, who was a successful business owner and gave unselfishly of her time to better our community. Nominees may be the manager, employee, or a sole proprietor of any Chamber member business.

Established Criteria:

- Assists women in reaching their full leadership potential
- Supports the advancement and leadership development of professional women
- Has given back to the community through her leadership in community service
- Has been honored for her service to her profession, industry or community.

Jim Gillie Outstanding Citizen Award

This long standing award is named after Bartlesville citizen, Jim Gillie, who was a champion for Bartlesville. Any community citizen is eligible for nomination.

Established Criteria:

- Has been a community “hero” by giving unselfishly of his/her time and talent for the benefit of others and to make our community a better place to live
- Must have 10 years or more of volunteer service to our community