

# Nomination Form

## Deadline September 30, 2014

Nominee Name:

Nominee Category:

Submitted by:

Email:

Please include in 100-200 words why this business/person should be chosen.

Contact Leamington District Chamber of Commerce for more information

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# 20TH Annual Business Excellence

## AWARDS



### Twenty Years of Excellence

**Wednesday October 22nd**

Leamington Portuguese Club

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Sit down dinner at 6:30 PM

Ceremony at 7:30 PM

\$60.00 PER PERSON or \$450.00 PER 8

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## About Business Excellence

This year marks the 20th Annual Business Excellence Awards with the Leamington District Chamber of Commerce. We, with the assistance of our event sponsor, Libro, and the individual awards sponsors, recognize individuals and businesses for achieving excellence in their fields.

As your Chamber - we strive to make sure that we are doing everything we can for our members and for the good of our region.

Please take a moment to look at our nomination categories and submit the name of a worthy business or individual. And make sure you set aside Wednesday October 29th to join us for a wonderful evening.



### Alf Bennie Award

Named after our first President of the Leamington District Chamber of Commerce, the Alf Bennie Award recognizes an individual in the community, who has made a difference, either through volunteering or community involvement.

The recipient of this award has made a difference in the community. Sometimes these differences are planned actions, and other times, they are spontaneous actions. Either way, the award winner has contributed through their deeds or actions and affected the lives of the people they have come in contact with.



## Customer First

Retail & Service Sectors-Candidates for this category can be independent business owners or franchise owners who have demonstrated excellence in a retail business or service related operation in a number of areas. These include creative marketing, sales, client service, human resources etc. and are viewed by peers as being a leader in business excellence.

General Guidelines

- Demonstrates initiative and enthusiasm for the business
- Consistently demonstrates congeniality and helpfulness to customers/clients/patients
- Has an excellent reputation with customers and the business community
- Active involvement in the community



### Warm Welcome

Tourism Sector—Much of this area's economy is based on tourism, and many local businesses roll out the red carpet for our visitors. These businesses cater to the specific needs of tourists and aid in promoting other business with our area.

General Guidelines

- Consistently demonstrates congeniality and helpfulness to tourists
- Displays exceptional professional and ethical qualities
- Demonstrates enthusiasm for promoting Leamington & surrounding area
- Has gone above and beyond the realm of their own business to assist tourists.



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## Invest in a World Class Workforce

This business, organization or association leads the way in preparing for future opportunities and anticipating change in the market place by investing in skills development and training; providing career growth opportunities; and modeling life-long learning.

General Guidelines

- Extent and quality of skills development opportunities
- Achievements of the organization or individual, which may be attributed to training
- Participation in career development activities (co-op, mentorships, apprenticeships, etc.)
- Exceptional commitment to equity and diversity in the workforce



### Home Grown

Agricultural Sector –The Leamington area boasts many businesses involved in the Agricultural Industry, ranging from greenhouse operations, to vineyards to field farming to processing. Many of the products grown in this area are exported throughout Canada, the United States and beyond and these local businesses deserve to be recognized for their innovative approach to the local food industry

General Guidelines

- Research and development: new varieties, growing or processing techniques
- Food safety and security programs in place
- Marketing and/or merchandising programs
- Excellent customer service



## Youth Excellence

The leaders of tomorrow are the youth of today. This year, the Leamington District Chamber of Commerce is presenting a new award: Youth Excellence.

The recipient of this award is between the ages of 14–18 and is attending secondary school. They are involved in extra-curricular activities in the community and may even be working a part-time job. They balance school, volunteering, sports, work and family.

They are recognized by their teachers, fellow students and friends for their depth of character, their integrity and the standards they strive to reach.



### Welcoming Accessibility

Creating welcoming and accessible communities is a shared responsibility. It takes the effort of many caring people from every walk of life to ensure everyone in our community has the right to live with dignity and to actively participate in the community. The Welcoming Accessibility Award is an opportunity to recognize a local business that has made a significant contribution towards the development of a welcoming and accessible community.

General Guidelines

- Demonstrate a commitment to inclusion through their actions and involvement in ensuring the inclusion of all people.
- Demonstrate leadership in creating and welcoming an accessible community through volunteer, or employment opportunities.



## Small Business Excellence

The small business sector encompasses a variety of businesses that make up our community. In recognition of a small business showing excellence in some or all of the following categories: new or innovative product or service, quality of merchandise/ customer service, job creation, growth potential, market served and community involvement

General Guidelines

- Maximum of 9 employees in any sector
- Reputation within the business community
- Commitment to community service



### Innovation

Entrepreneur of Any Age—Without imagination and a willingness to take risks, many of the innovative products and valuable services in today's marketplace would not exist. The entrepreneur takes a vision and turns it into a profitable reality. This award recognizes someone from the community who exemplifies the qualities of the business visionary.

General Guidelines

- Demonstrates leadership, daring and creativity
- Steady revenue growth
- Demonstrates personal and financial commitment
- Unique marketing concept



## Industrial/Manufacturing Excellence

Leamington and surrounding area boasts a number of leading industries. Many of them enjoy global recognition and respect. They provide employment, stability and an enhanced quality of life for many Leamington and area residents.

General Guidelines

- Commitment to product development and quality
- Expanding market base
- Environmental commitment
- Progressive human resource policies and skills development



### Excellence in Food Service

Candidates for this category can be independent business owners, franchise owners or organizations that provide catering and meals who have demonstrated excellence in food services. These businesses cater to their customers and aid in promoting other businesses within our area.

General Guidelines

- Excellent customer service
- Demonstrates initiative and enthusiasm for the business
- Has an excellent reputation with customers and the business community
- Commitment to community service

