

40th SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS ANNUAL



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

On Tuesday, May 11, 2021, The Greater Topeka Partnership will recognize local businesses, a nonprofit agency and an emerging entrepreneur for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Shawnee County community. **You can become part of the process by nominating a business for consideration.**

Please complete this form and return it to:
Greater Topeka Partnership
719 S. Kansas Ave., Suite 100, Topeka, Kansas 66603

Nomination forms can also be faxed to 785.234.8656 or emailed to MaryAnn.Anderson@TopekaPartnership.com. All nominations must be received by 3 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2021.

The Greater Topeka Partnership will contact the business/organization and ask for additional information addressing the specific selection criteria.

CRITERIA FOR ALL NOMINEES

LONGEVITY

The company or firm must have been in business a minimum of three successive years under the same ownership. Exception made for Emerging Entrepreneur Award.

GROWTH

The firm should demonstrate growth in employees, sales and business/organization expansion.

IMAGINATION/CREATIVITY

The firm should have demonstrated creativity and imagination in the development of its business, or in its product or service.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The ownership of the firm should demonstrate initiative to aid the community through the use of personal or financial resources, including examples of involvement of its business, or in product or service.

NOMINEES MUST BE LOCATED IN SHAWNEE COUNTY

For questions, call GO Topeka at 785.231.6000 or email MaryAnn.Anderson@TopekaPartnership.com. GOTOpeka.com/SBA.

DEADLINE

All nominations must be received by **3 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2021.**

AWARD CATEGORIES

CAPITAL CITY BUSINESS OF DISTINCTION

A successful company that exhibits strong growth, longevity, and is committed to community involvement.

MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS OF DISTINCTION

A minority-owned business is a business that is at least 51% owned and operated by one of the following: Native American, Hispanic/Latino, African-American, Asian/Pacific Islander or Subcontinent Asian.

WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS OF DISTINCTION

The nominee must be a female who serves as a majority owner (51% or more) and operates or bears principal responsibility for operating a small business.

NONPROFIT AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Must be legally formed as one of the following: 501(c)3, 501(c)4, 501(c)5 or 501(c)6.

EMERGING ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

Successful business owner who has been in business one to three years. Nominee must be aligned with above criteria and must submit two references from either an educator, community service professional or customer.

INNOVATION AWARD

Recognizes a business or organization for the exemplary use and implementation of innovation and progressive practices that have made a significant improvement for customer, company, community or environment.

NOMINATION FORM *(please print)*

Company Name _____ President/Owner _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

Award Category _____

Brief Description of Product or Service _____

Nominated By _____ Company/Organization _____

Address _____ Email _____

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