

2024 Washington Chamber Awards

Groups, organizations and individuals are encouraged to nominate candidates (including yourself) in the categories listed below. Winners will be announced during the annual Washington Chamber Awards Banquet held on March 10, 2025.

Winners are selected by the Washington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Previous Citizen of the Year Awards: 1999- Donna Manfull, 2000- John Prochaska, 2001- Phil Kneen, 2002 - Yale Jarvis, 2003- Chuck Gibson, 2004- Sherry Renoux, 2005- Mike Zahs, 2006- Kelly Swift, 2007- Linda McNeil, 2008- Margaret Wolf, 2009- John & Mary Jo Hays, 2010- Ed Raber, 2011- Bonnie Boshart, 2012- Jim Gorham, 2013 – Max Cousins, 2014 – no award given, 2015 – Jolisa Weidner, 2015 – Jan Gallagher & Bob Youngquist (two awards in 2015.), 2016—Erin Smith, 2017– Debbie Stanton, 2018— Lonny Milligan, 2019 — Nancy Adrian, 2020-Illa Earnest, 2021-Michael Moore, 2022-Isabella Santoro, 2023-Karisa Mellinger

Previous Business of the Year Awards: 1999- Fansteel Washington Manufacturing, 2000- Hy-Vee Food Stores, 2001- Goodwill Industries, 2002- Washington State Bank, 2003- Winga’s Restaurant, 2004- Modine Manufacturing, 2005- Engineered Building Design, 2006- Café Dodici, 2007- Pohaku, 2008- Washington County Hospitals and Clinics, 2009- Wolf Floral; Central Park Community Center; Jaz It Up! & Ameriprise Financial Advisors, 2010- Golden Crest Realty, 2011- Hamakua Place, 2012- Washington County Extension Office, 2013 – Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, 2014 – no award given, 2015 – Greiner Buildings Inc., 2016—Sitler’s LED Supplies, 2017-WCDC, Inc, 2018—DeLong Construction Inc., 2019 — Hills Bank, 2020-KCTC & Emerging Business of the Year-Paneless Window Cleaning, 2021-Jacqueline Arreola, 2022-Southeast Iowa Union, 2023-Farm & Home Mutual.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

The Business of the Year Award recognizes a business in or around the City of Washington for noteworthy accomplishments and contribution to our community.

- 1) Displays qualities of leadership, cooperation, and teamwork.
- 2) Is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and supports the growth, spirit, and overall improvement of Washington.
- 3) Has visibly contributed and promoted to major economic growth and stability in the area the Chamber serves within the past year.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

The Citizen of the Year Award recognizes an individual that has gone the extra mile to get involved in programs & activities that benefit Washington.

- 1) Displays leadership, initiative, creativity, and dedication toward their cause and the overall betterment of our community.
- 2) Is an inspiration and cheerleader for others in their efforts to better the quality of life in Washington.
- 3) Created a desired outcome which has had or will have a positive impact on Washington and its future.

2025 ANNUAL DINNER SLIDESHOW PARTICIPATION AND AWARD NOMINATIONS

Hello Chamber Members! For this year's Annual Dinner we are again doing two things to share your success: 1) A Social Hour Slideshow and 2) Awards. On the bottom of this letter you will find a form to fill out for both the slideshow and award nominations.

We look forward to your submissions and count on your participation to make this event possible.

Please take a moment to tell us about your businesses accomplishments and your nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Please return this to The Chamber or email us at info@washingtioniowa.org by Feb 6, 2025

Business Name: _____ Owner's Name: _____

Business Anniversary: _____

Would you like to be a part of our Annual Dinner slideshow and tell us about your business? Yes No

Please tell us what you would like to share on the slideshows. A required photo should be submitted to info@washingtioniowa.org. _____

My nominee for Business of the Year & Why: _____

My nominee for Citizen of the Year & Why: _____

You may attach a separate page if you need more space.