



LARGE BUSINESS
OF THE YEAR

MID-SIZE BUSINESS
OF THE YEAR

SMALL BUSINESS
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SOLOPRENEUR
OF THE YEAR

EMERGING BUSINESS
OF THE YEAR

LONGEVITY
IN BUSINESS AWARD

CHAMBER CHAMPION
AWARD

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AWARD

LEGACY AWARD
INSPIRED BY JON SWANSON

Chamber Awards Gala

CHAMBER AWARDS

The North 65 Chamber of Commerce presents our 'Chamber Awards' annually to recognize outstanding businesses, individuals, and organizations that stand out among their peers and have demonstrated excellence, innovative practices, growth, longevity, and significant contributions to the community.

AWARDS TIMELINE

NOMINATE THROUGH MID-JUNE.

Nomination form is online and open to the public. To be eligible, a nominee must be a member of the North 65 Chamber of Commerce. Eligible nominees will be contacted to submit additional information for review by the selection committee.

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED IN SEPTEMBER.

A selection committee will review all nominees and select finalists. Finalists will be announced on our website and on social media.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE CHAMBER AWARDS GALA IN OCTOBER.

All finalists are recognized at the Chamber Awards Gala and the winner is announced live at the event.

Visit our website to fill out the nomination form, view key dates and deadlines, and purchase gala tickets: North65Chamber.com.





BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

AWARDS

Large Business of the Year
50+ FTE employees

Mid-Size Business of the Year
11-49 FTE employees

Small Business of the Year
0-10 FTE employees

Solopreneur of the Year

Emerging Business of the Year
In business or under current
ownership for less than 5 years

ELIGIBILITY

Must be a current North 65
Chamber member in good
standing.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Submit nominations and
register to attend at
North65Chamber.com



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS recognize North 65 Chamber member businesses and organizations that demonstrate outstanding leadership, innovation, and measurable success while making a meaningful impact in our communities.

Eligible nominees will be contacted to submit additional information for review by the selection committee.

CRITERIA

Nominees for these awards will demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

- Strong business growth (revenue, expansion, product offerings, employment, etc.)
- Innovation in operations, products, or services
- Exceptional customer experience
- Active involvement in the business community in the North 65 Chamber service area

WINNER BENEFITS



Recognition in front of
community leaders and
peers at the annual gala



Graphic emblem for use on
website, social media, or
email signature



Recognition at other
North 65 Chamber
meetings and events



Public announcement
with press release



Plaque for display in
your office



Recognition on North
65 Chamber website



Recognition on North 65
Chamber social media
platforms



12 months of free banner
ad space on the North 65
Chamber website



LONGEVITY IN BUSINESS AWARDS

LONGEVITY MILESTONES

25 years in business

50 Years in business

75 Years in business

100 Years in business

125 Years in business

Other milestones may be considered.

ELIGIBILITY

Must be a current North 65 Chamber member in good standing.

HOW TO NOMINATE








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CRITERIA

- Notify the chamber office of your milestone at any time throughout the year. For recognition at the annual Chamber Awards Gala, please complete the online form 60 days in advance of the Chamber Awards Gala.
- The milestone of a parent company and/or local location may be recognized. Other milestones may be considered.

WINNER BENEFITS

-  Recognition in front of community leaders and peers at the annual gala
-  Graphic emblem for use on website, social media, or email signature
-  Recognition at other North 65 Chamber meetings and events
-  Public announcement with press release
-  Plaque for display in your office
-  Recognition on North 65 Chamber website
-  Recognition on North 65 Chamber social media platforms



ELIGIBILITY

Nominee(s) must be employed by a current North 65 Chamber member in good standing.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Submit nominations and register to attend at North65Chamber.com



CHAMBER CHAMPION

The **Chamber Champion Award** is an annual award that recognizes an individual(s) who goes above and beyond in their Chamber involvement, works to advance our mission, and strengthens the local business community through their leadership, collaboration, advocacy, and meaningful engagement.

CRITERIA

A Chamber Champion is:

- Involved and dependable, consistently showing up and following through
- A natural connector who builds relationships and welcomes others
- Proactive in stepping up to support the Chamber
- A positive ambassador who promotes the Chamber with enthusiasm and professionalism
- Deeply community-focused, demonstrating a genuine commitment to local business success and growth

WINNER BENEFITS



Recognition in front of community leaders and peers at the annual gala



Graphic emblem for use on website, social media, or email signature



Recognition at other North 65 Chamber meetings and events



Public announcement with press release



Plaque for display in your office



Recognition on North 65 Chamber website



Recognition on North 65 Chamber social media platforms



COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

ELIGIBILITY

Must be a current North 65 Chamber member in good standing.

The **COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD** is an annual award that honors an organization whose sustained involvement has made a lasting difference in our community. This recipient leads with purpose—giving time, talent, and resources to initiatives that strengthen the region and improve quality of life.

CRITERIA

Nominees for these awards will demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

- A consistent record of philanthropy, community leadership, and meaningful investment in local causes
- Collaborative, forward-thinking, and passionate advocates for those they serve
- Active involvement in the business community in the North 65 Chamber service area

HOW TO NOMINATE

Submit nominations and register to attend at North65Chamber.com



WINNER BENEFITS



Recognition in front of community leaders and peers at the annual gala



Graphic emblem for use on website, social media, or email signature



Recognition at other North 65 Chamber meetings and events



Public announcement with press release



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LEGACY AWARD

INSPIRED BY JON SWANSON

AWARD

This award is not given annually, but when warranted, in the spirit of a “lifetime achievement” award.

The recipient of this prestigious award is announced at the annual Chamber Awards Gala.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be a resident of the North 65 Chamber service area and represent(ed) a North 65 Chamber business or organization located and operating in this service area, or an Isanti Area Chamber or Cambridge Area Chamber member business no longer in operation.

HOW TO NOMINATE

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CRITERIA

Nominees for these awards will demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

- A sustained commitment to community service and volunteerism
- Strong civic responsibility and pride, demonstrated by meaningful community impact
- A selfless dedication to serving others
- Active engagement in their workplace - fostering growth, collaboration, and business advocacy

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