

Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS - 2011

Criteria Package

Sponsorship Opportunities

Nomination Form

You do not need to be a Chamber member or a business to nominate.

Anyone can nominate or be nominated!!

Fort Nelson has grown and continues to thrive, welcoming new business and residents to the Northern Rockies District, while maintaining the past level of excellence within our community. The following categories outline all sectors, business and individual, that provide outstanding contributions not only to our economy, but to our community and who improve the quality of life for our residents.

We will be hosting our **19th Annual Business & Community Excellence Awards** at the Phoenix Theatre on February 23rd, 2012 at 7:00 pm, so come and join us for an evening of excellence and help celebrate those individuals and businesses who go the extra mile. A nomination form is available at the back of our booklet and submissions may also be made online at www.fortnelsonchamber.com. The deadline for 2011 submissions is January 9th, 2012.

Eligibility:

Nominations will not be accepted without the name and contact information of the nominator. Any nominations received without the above noted requirements will not be forwarded to the Nomination Committee for consideration. Nominators will not be made public or given to the nominees.

- Business award nominees must have been in business at least 12 months prior to nomination closing date
- Nominations will be accepted on a year round basis
- If only one nomination is received for an award category that nomination will not necessarily be awarded. This is at the discretion of the Nomination Committee.
- Each nominee will be contacted by the Chamber for acceptance of nomination. Three finalists for each category will be named by the Nomination Committee. The three finalists will be given notification of the same.
- At the discretion of the Nomination Committee, no award will be given for a category where nominations do not meet the standard criteria.
- All businesses and individuals in the community are eligible for nomination.
- Nominations must be received by January 9th, 2012 to be acknowledged in the Awards Ceremony on February 23rd.
- Photographs or video clip of finalists will be requested and shown during the awards ceremony.

Sponsorship:

Award Sponsorship is available as detailed below. Companies are recognized as sponsors and supporters of the Business & Community Excellence Awards. In addition to recognition before, during and after the event the sponsors name is also engraved on the awards presented to the individuals and businesses.

Sponsorship:

\$200.00 – Award Sponsorship - 9 available

\$300.00 – Youth Sponsorship includes Award and \$100.00 Bursary to winner

\$500.00 – Reception Sponsor - refreshments served after the award ceremony with additional recognition at event and in lobby.

Name: _____ Contact: _____

Award Sponsor: (I would like to sponsor the following awards)



Business of the Year

Sponsored by NRRM



Employer of the Year

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Athlete of the Year



Public Services Award



Community Leader Award



Customer Service Excellence

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Entrepreneur of the Year



Educator of the Year



Volunteer of the Year



Youth Award: **Sponsored by Down to Earth Health Food**

Reception Sponsor:

Pay by Visa / Mastercard:

Card # _____

Expiry Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Invoice to: _____

Categories:

Business of the Year – Organization (public or private sector) that has demonstrated significant business achievement and excellence in one or all of the following: sales, growth, product development, technological innovation, productivity improvement, profitability, job creation, environmental enhancement, labor management relations, safety, or quality of product or service. Nominees are involved with and actively support local events and organizations. Nominees must have permanent physical presence in Northern Rockies.

Customer Service Excellence - Nominees may be a company or employee who demonstrates a high standard of customer service excellence in one or all of the following: customer relations, anticipating and meeting customer needs, providing outstanding service and exceeding expectations. Continually go above and beyond to ensure their customers receive excellent service. Nominees must demonstrate exceptional product knowledge and customer service skills.

Employer of the Year – Employees this new award is your opportunity to tell the community about the positive work environment your employer has created. Nominated by employees, this award will be given to a company or organization that provides employees with an outstanding positive, healthy and productive workplace.

Entrepreneur of the Year – An entrepreneur recognizes an opportunity, accepts the challenge and takes risks in doing so. The nominee may have founded a business, purchased and enhanced an existing one, or diversified a business.

Youth of the Year – This award is presented to a well rounded youth who has demonstrated leadership to their peers. Criteria to be considered includes but is not limited to academic excellence, extra curricular activities, cultural activities and participation in community activities. This award will include a \$100.00 bursary to be awarded by the sponsoring individual or company.

Athlete(s) of the Year – This award is presented to an individual or group who demonstrates excellence and promotes fitness and healthy lifestyles. The criteria to be considered may include one or all of the following: has excelled in an athletic endeavor, promotes fitness and participates in healthy living, mentors others, and through participation in activities has demonstrated a strong 'sportsman like' attitude. Nominees can be of any age, or athletic discipline.

Educator of the Year – This award recognizes individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the education of the youth of Fort Nelson and who strive to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. Criteria to be considered includes but is not limited to: demonstrated concern for individual students; shown a willingness to devote time and energy to activities which result in improved instruction for students; inspires learning through creative and innovative practices; inspires students to learn social skills, work ethics and accountability in addition to academics; encourages participation in community activities to better prepare students for career opportunities; promotes continuing education in post secondary field or trade.

Public Services Award – Nominees may be an emergency services provider health provider, or other public servant that goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve the community.

Volunteer of the Year – This nominee is an outstanding individual or not for profit organization who through volunteer efforts has significantly contributed to the betterment of the community. The criteria to be considered includes, but is not limited to: participation in community activities or contributions to community groups; fundraising for community initiatives and in general by their volunteer activities assist in improving the service activities or quality of community life.

Community Leader Award – This is granted to an outstanding business, organization or individual who has significantly contributed to the betterment of the community having a direct positive effect on the residents of Fort Nelson. The criteria to be considered includes, but is not limited to: participation in community activities; membership in or contributions to community groups; an individual or organization that by their activities has demonstrated leadership and inspired others to improve the services or quality of life for others in the community.

