

# Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce

## Business & Community *Excellence* **AWARDS**

Ensure Fort Nelson's exceptional people and businesses are recognized.

Nominate exceptional Businesses & Individuals today!

Criteria Booklet

2011 Awards

Date to be Announced

**Fort Nelson & District  
Chamber of Commerce**  
It's our business!



**Business & Community**  
*Excellence*  
**AWARDS**

**Remember. You do not need to be a Chamber member  
or a business to participate.  
Anyone can nominate or be nominated!!**

**Eligibility**

- Nominations will not be accepted without the signature, printed name and contact information of the nominator.
- Nominators names will not be made public or given to the nominees.
- Business award nominees must have been in business at least 12 months prior to the nomination closing date.
- Nominations will be accepted on a year round basis.
- If only one nomination is received for a category that nomination will not necessarily be awarded. This is at the discretion of the Nomination Committee.
- At the discretion of the Nomination Committee no award will be given for a category where nominations do not meet the published criteria.
- Both Chamber members and non members are eligible for nomination.
- Each nominee will be contacted by the Chamber to accept the nomination.
- Photographs of finalists will be requested and shown during the ceremony.

Nominations may be made online at [www.fortnelsonchamber.com](http://www.fortnelsonchamber.com) or by contacting the Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce

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### **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.



### **Business of the Year**

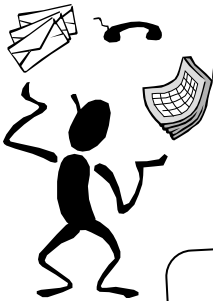
Organization (public or private sector) that has demonstrated significant business achievement and excellence in one or all of the following: sales, growth, product development, technological innovation, productivity improvement, profitability, job creation, environmental enhancement, labor management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

### **Small Business of the Year**

Entrepreneur in the private sector who has demonstrated excellence in one or all of the following: sales, growth, product development, technological innovation, productivity improvement, profitability, job creation, environmental enhancement, labor management relation, safety, or quality of product or service. Nominees must have permanent physical presence in Northern Rockies.

### **Customer Service Excellence - Business**

Nominees must have demonstrated a high standard of customer relations, and continually go above and beyond to ensure their customers receive excellent service.



### **Customer Service Excellence – Employee**

Nominees must be an employee who has demonstrated the ability to provide customers and clients with outstanding service on a consistent basis.

### **Youth of the Year**

This award is presented to a youth who has demonstrated excellence in academics, athletics, cultural activities and participates in community activities.



### **Athlete(s) of the Year**

This award is presented to an individual or team who has excelled in an athletic endeavor. The criteria to be considered is: participation in athletic activities, and through participation in activities, has demonstrated a strong 'sportsman like' attitude. Athletic activities considered for this award are not confined to school athletics. This award can be awarded to anyone, regardless of age, for his, her or their athletic achievement.

### **Community Leader Award**

This nominee is granted to an outstanding business, organization or individual who has significantly contributed to the betterment of the community. The criteria to be considered includes, but is not limited to: participation in community activities; membership or contribution in community groups; In general by their activities, assist in improving the service activities or quality of community life.



### **Citizen of the Year**

This nominee is an outstanding individual who has significantly contributed to the betterment of the community. The criteria to be considered includes, but is not limited to: participation in community activities; membership or contributions in community groups; In general by their activities, assist in improving the service activities or quality of community life.

### **Educator of the Year**

This award recognizes individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the education of the youth of Fort Nelson and strives to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. Candidates will be considered primarily on the basis of the following criteria with the understanding that criteria is a basis for a nomination, however not all requirements need to be met.

#### **Candidates will have:**

Demonstrated concern for individual students; Shown a willingness to devote time and energy to activities which result in improved instruction for students; Proven the ability to work effectively in the community and to inspire learning; Established an ability to create and use innovative practices to inspire learning; Created an atmosphere to inspire students to learn social skills, work ethics and accountability in addition to academics; Encouraged students to participate in community activities to better prepare students for career opportunities and civic responsibilities; Promoted and encouraged continuing education in post secondary institution, the trades or other areas enabling students to achieve their full potential.

### **Emergency Services Award**

Presented to an individual in emergency services or health that goes above and beyond the call of duty to protect and serve our community.



