



## NEW ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know a Chamber member who deserves recognition? Nominate them for the New Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Each year, the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber's Excellence in Business Committee recognizes outstanding business people in our community. This award will be announced at the Celebrate Bismarck-Mandan luncheon on September 22, 2016.

You may nominate your own company, a client or any other Chamber member. To make a nomination, fill out the form below and return to the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce by June 1, 2016.

Judging will be conducted by the Small Business Awards Subcommittee, on a confidential basis.



### Award Will Be Based on the Following Criteria:

- Must be a Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce member.
- Any individual who serves as a majority owner and operates or bears principal responsibility for operating a small business with a three year track record.
- Evidence of success measured by profit-and-loss statements and balance sheets for the past three years.
- Increased employment opportunities created by the nominee's business.
- Development and/or utilization of innovative or creative business methods.
- Demonstrated entrepreneurial potential necessary for long-term business success and economic growth.
- Social responsibility/community service.
- Obstacles, challenges or advertises the nominee has overcome.
- Can be existing business with new owner as long as new owner has shown innovation, changes in organization, growth, etc.

**Application Deadline: June 1, 2016**

# APPLICATION TIPS

Consider these helpful tips while filling out this application:

- An application that is strong and well-written is appealing to the judging committee.
- Be crisp, clear and concise so the judges reading your application immediately understand what industry the nominated business is in and what products or services they provide.
- Bragging is encouraged, this is your opportunity to share with the judging committee of all the accomplishments and successes of the nominated business and ultimately why they deserve to win this award.
- Tell a story with your application. Nominees who have an interesting, well-told and engaging story of business history, accomplishments and entrepreneurial spirit have an advantage over nominees who cannot communicate important business awards and/or milestones.
- Remember to show measurable results of growth. Prove your claims as specifically as possible.
- Consider attaching relevant documents such as newspaper clippings, client testimonials and/or pictures that reflect the health of the nominated business. Limit of five additional documents.
- Any financials submitted can be sent directly to Dianna Kindseth at Brady, Martz & Associates and will be kept completely confidential.
- Lastly, understand how the nominated business will be evaluated. Applications will be judged by the Small Business Awards Subcommittee on a confidential basis. The judging committee takes into consideration business stability or growth, innovation and creativity, awards and achievements, community leadership and involvement. Be sure to emphasize these throughout the application.

## HOW TO APPLY

### Submission Instructions:

#### 1. Submit by Email

Download the appropriate application PDF from [www.bismarckmandan.com](http://www.bismarckmandan.com).

Fill it out electronically, save a copy, then email it to [dleingang@bismancc.com](mailto:dleingang@bismancc.com)

#### 2. Submit by Mail

Download the appropriate application PDF from [www.bismarckmandan.com](http://www.bismarckmandan.com).

Fill it out electronically, print and mail OR you can print out the blank document and handwrite your answers.

#### Mail Application To:

Attn: David Leingang

Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce

1640 Burnt Boat Drive, Bismarck 58501

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This award is presented to an individual who has served as a majority owner in a company for the past three years, increased employment opportunities, demonstrated entrepreneurial potential for long-term business success and economic growth, has overcome obstacles, has used technology creatively, and has invested in the community through social responsibility and community service.



I would like to nominate the following person (self-nominations welcome.)

Name	Business		
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number	E-Mail Address		

Nominated by:

Name	Business		
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number	E-Mail Address		

Why You feel this individual deserves recognition.

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Why You feel this individual deserves recognition (continued.)