

Nominations and Applications Open for the 2016 Business Excellence Awards

Orléans, Ontario - The Orléans Chamber of Commerce has opened the call for nominations and applications for the 14th annual Business Excellence Awards (BEA) gala. Perhaps our most prestigious and anticipated event, the awards publicly recognize and honour local businesses, organizations and leaders who have demonstrated a passion for excellence.

We are excited to announce the following changes for the 2016 awards:

- **There will be 13 award categories—4 (Small Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year, New Business of the Year, and Business Person of the Year) that will be determined by public vote and 9 that will be determined by a panel of 5 judges selected by the Business Excellence Awards Committee.**
- **Each application form will be evaluated by judges based on a scoring system that assesses Business Accomplishments, Level of Expertise, and Community Involvement.**
- **For the purposes of the 2016 BEAs, “Ottawa-East” shall have the following boundaries: The Ottawa River to the north, up to and including Cumberland Village to the east, Highway 417 to the south, and Vanier Parkway–Riverside Drive to the west.**

We will announce three finalists in each category on Monday, January 11, 2016 with the award recipients revealed at the awards gala.

Awards Gala Thursday, January 28th
Location – Ottawa Convention and Events Centre
Time – 6:00pm to 10pm

There will be a total of 13 awards handed out, including our prestigious Small Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year, New Business of the Year, and Business Person of the Year.

Anyone can nominate a person or business. However, a nominee must be a member of the Orléans Chamber of Commerce in good standing except for the 4 main categories, which are open to any business within the boundaries described above.

Please take advantage of our simplified nomination process – complete the nomination online or download the form and submit by email or hardcopy. <http://www.orelanschamber.ca/pages/Bea-Home>

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For any questions about this event, please contact:

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