

# DELAWARE AREA CHAMBER BUSINESS AWARDS CRITERIA

## **Small Business of the Year**

Presented to a Delaware Area Chamber member business which has been in operation for at least five years and has fewer than 50 full time equivalent employees; demonstrates an exceptional contribution to the community and/or its industry; and has a reputation for integrity and fair business practice.

## **Large Business of the Year**

See qualifications above, however, the business must have 50 or more full time equivalent employees.

## **Innovation in Business**

Innovation creates a powerful competitive edge. It's the ability to nurture out-of-the-box ideas, make them work, and bring them to market, to customer and to workforce that distinguishes a truly innovative company. This award is presented to a chamber member business that has used innovation to stand apart from its peers in product development, customer service and/or employee relations practices.

## **Quality of Life Award**

While non-profit organizations maintain an internal business model, their missions are different from the for-profit sector. This award recognizes the special nature of our social service cultural and other charitable efforts. The award will be presented to a non-profit chamber member organization whose work has enriched the lives of Delaware County residents.

## **Citizen of the Year**

Presented to a *chamber member employee* who has made a unique contribution to the community within a short period of time; or with the development of a single project or activity, has enhanced the quality of life in the community; their contribution exceeds normal job expectations.

## **Corporate Citizen of the Year**

Presented to a chamber member *business* that maintains a holistic culture of giving that consistently encourages its staff to impact the community by sharing time, talent and treasure above and beyond the organization's capacity in relation to its resources.