



2024 Celebrate Success Business Awards



Rules & Regulations

1. Deadline for receipt of **completed applications** is **NOON Wednesday March 6, 2024**.
2. Open to all businesses providing services or conducting business in Yorkton, with the exception of Crown Corporations and/or government bodies. Yorkton Chamber of Commerce members and non-members with Yorkton addresses may apply. Those businesses whose address is not Yorkton must be members in good standing to be eligible for an Award.
3. The Application Package must be **fully completed** for the particular category for which application is being made. Please ensure all information is accurate and legible.
4. Applications must comply with the general criteria for the category under consideration, as described in the Celebrate Success Application Package.
5. Note that **Small Business of the Year** and **Large Business of the Year** will be selected from all the applications received that meet the criteria. No Applications are accepted for either of these Awards.
6. To be eligible for the Distinguished Entrepreneur Award, the recipient must be the owner of a business which is a member in good standing of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce.
7. Peoples' Choice Award. Applications will not be accepted for this award. Those businesses which are eligible for the Award are 1) Chamber members in good standing; and 2) Finalists in one or more of the Award categories. Voting will occur at the Celebrate Success Business Awards Dinner April 17 and only those who are in attendance will be eligible to cast a vote.
8. A business may apply for an Award in more than one category, but may be the recipient of an award in only one category.
9. A business may not receive an award in the same category for 2 consecutive years, however, this does not preclude receiving an Award in a different category in consecutive years.
10. Previous recipients of the Award of Excellence (formerly Wall of Success) are not eligible to apply for that award.

11. Businesses that have been nominated in past years for the Award of Excellence but were not selected, are encouraged to apply for consideration again – providing the current year’s criteria is met.
12. A sponsor of an Award may not apply for that Award.
13. Applicants may be businesses (except Crown Corporations &/or government organizations), organizations or individuals, operating within the City of Yorkton. Businesses outside the city limits must be Chamber members in good standing in order to apply for an Award.
14. Members of the Judging Panel will declare any conflicts of interest pertaining to an Award category, if any, and excuse themselves from the discussion and subsequent voting for that particular Award.
15. All information contained in the Application Packages will remain confidential and will not be discussed outside the Judging Panel.
16. The Judging Panel will be comprised of 7 individuals who will remain anonymous until the Awards event where they will be introduced as the Honourable Judges.
17. Judges are allowed one vote for each round of voting; no absentee or proxy votes will be accepted.
18. Judges must base their decisions/votes **on the content of the applications presented**, and not on personal bias or opinions based on personal experience with the applicant.
19. Only **one recipient** will be selected from a **maximum of 4 finalists** in each category and up to **3 recipients** from a **maximum of 6 finalists** in the Award of Excellence and Community Merit Award categories.
20. The recipients of the **Large Business of the Year** and **Small Business of the Year Awards** will each have been in business for **at least 3 years as of December 31, 2023**. The recipients are selected by the Judging Panel from all the applications received.
21. The recipient of the Young Entrepreneur Award must be **under the age of 35** as of **December 31, 2023**; and will be the **majority shareholder** (51% or greater).
22. Recipients of the **Award of Excellence** must have been in continuous operation for **at least 15 years as of December 31, 2023** but the business **does not** have to be currently operating in order to be eligible.
23. The recipient of the **Property Restoration Award** must have completed the restoration in the time frame **January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023**.
24. The **Community Merit Award** accepts applications from organizations and for events.
25. Organizations that have been nominated in past years for the **Community Merit Award** but were not selected, may apply for consideration again - providing the current year’s category criteria is met.
“One time events” are **not eligible** for re-submission.