

ICEA will accept nominations for the Annual Excellence Awards through May 10th.

This is a great opportunity for your chamber to garner statewide recognition for the hard work that staff accomplished on specific new projects throughout the past year.

Chambers are divided into the following categories for judging:

0—400 members

401—700 members

701+ members

Upon reviewing, all applicants scoring above 90% will receive an Excellence Award.

Chambers may enter multiple entries.

Deadline — May 10th.

E-mail entry link with this completed form to info@iceaonline.com.

Mail a non-refundable check payable to ICEA for \$25 per entry to:
ICEA, P.O. Box 377, Hanover IN 47243.

Questions? Please call the ICEA office at 812-871-3000.



Excellence in Innovation Awards

About the award: The Annual Excellence Awards will recognize innovative new projects from your chamber this past year. Chambers may submit multiple nominations for various projects, however each nomination must showcase something new offered by your chamber during this past year. This award recognizes excellence in innovative new ideas. Complete a separate form for each entry.

E-mail your entry with this completed form to info@iceaonline.com prior to May 10th. Each entry submitted for review will be charged a \$25 non-refundable fee. Please mail this review payment payable to ICEA to: P.O. Box 377 Hanover IN 47243. An invoice will also be sent for you to pay with debit/credit card.

Chamber of Commerce Madison County

What are you submitting for? Student Tours

Contact: Clayton Whitson

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Complete a duplicate entry for more than one entry. Please circle below the size of your chamber:

- 0—400 members
- 401—700 members
- 701 + members

Forward e-mail with your submission attached to info@iceaonline.com no later than May 10th.



Madison County Chamber Student Employer Tours

Over the past 18 months the biggest threat to our local economy has been that of workforce availability. To meet this challenge, we have been working with community partners to establish long lasting talent pipelines for our employers. In 2022, we partnered with Madison Grant High School on a project to identify students that were not interested in college and had yet to determine a career pathway.

Once the school had identified these students, our chamber coordinated field trips for these students to expose them to the many different career options they had available to them here in Madison County. Based on the survey results of the students' interests, we led over 50 students to 7 different employers in various fields including agribusiness and manufacturing.

The immediate feedback from the students and employers both was how much more impact it was for the student to visit the business instead of the business visiting the classroom. Many of these students have now expressed a desire to enter these fields post-graduation. As a secondary benefit, many of these employers have set up direct partnerships with the school to increase exposure and training opportunities via job shadowing and internships. For the Chamber, making these connections and facilitating partnerships has solidified our reputation in the community as the go to organization for helping business in our region.