



INDIANA CHAMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

About the Award

The Outstanding Chamber of the Year Award recognizes organizational excellence in chambers of commerce and provides a unique benchmarking opportunity to assess a chamber's strengths.

How to Apply

To nominate your Chamber for the Chamber of the Year Award, submit a video (max of 5 minutes) telling us why your team deserves this honor. Does it have to be a polished, expensive video? It can be but that is not necessary for recognition, so grab your smart phone and include your talented team to share about successes from this past year showcasing your chamber's leadership and innovation. Have fun with this as you tell your organization's story. The winning video will be shown at the Awards Luncheon during the Annual Conference. Preferred entry is link to your video on YouTube or Vimeo that can easily be shared with the judging panel.

Support Documents

You may include links to up to (5) documents to share with judges support your video nomination. These support documents could include: strategic plan; financial documents; event publications; link to website; annual report; etc. Including links to support documents provides an additional way to tell your story but this step is not required for nomination.

Eligibility

Members of ICEA in good standing during the year the award is presented are eligible to apply. Previous nominees and recipients are eligible to re-apply.

Application and Deadlines

There is a \$60 non-refundable application fee due with each nomination. The Outstanding Chamber of the Year Award nominations are **DUE BY MAY 10**. Video link nomination with any support documents should be sent to: shelli@iceaonline.com.

Adjudication

- This award will be presented annually. If no entries are received or no entries that achieve a minimum of 90 points, there will be no award presented for that year;
- Entries are judged on innovation, effectiveness and quality of results;
- Previous award recipients may re-apply annually;
- Finalists will be notified by June 1 and the winner will be announced at the ICEA Annual Conference;
- The nomination should focus on activities during the previous year (either fiscal or calendar);
- All awards are final.

Judging Criteria

Nominees will be judged by out of state chamber professionals in the following areas:

Innovation	15 points
Programming	15 points
Community Leadership	15 points
Advocacy	15 points
Financial Sustainability	15 points
Membership Development	15 points
Video Quality	10 points

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Please complete this form and return to ICEA to finalize submission

Chamber of Commerce: _____

Nominated By: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

Number of Members: _____ Number of Employees: _____

In all cases, use the most current completed fiscal year as the time period in question.

Membership Classification

Membership Classification <input type="checkbox"/> Fewer than 200 Members <input type="checkbox"/> 200 - 500 Members <input type="checkbox"/> 500 – 1,000 Members <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000 + Members	Organization Budget Size <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 - \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 million +
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Promotional Information

Name of Board Chair: _____

E-Mail: _____

Preferred Media Contact (additional media contacts can be attached):

Contact Name: _____

Media Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Nominations are due by May 10

Submit nomination video link (preferred YouTube or Vimeo links) with links to any support documents by e-mail to shelli@iceaonline.com

Questions? Contact the ICEA Office at
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