



98th Annual Chamber Awards Nomination Criteria

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce seeks to recognize people and businesses that have made a significant impact in the Canton area. **Recommendation letters are preferred with details on each individual nominee**, as the more information the nomination committee receives the better the chances of being nominated. The winners of each of the following awards will be named at the 98th Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner & Awards ceremony on Thursday, March 9th, 2023.

2023 Business Person of the Year

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to nominate an outstanding business man or woman to receive the Business Person of the Year Award.

Criteria for Business Person of the Year Award:

- 1) The business person must have been in the Canton area for at least three years;
- 2) The business person must have demonstrated integrity and ethics in business dealings;
- 3) The business should have a track record of growth in sales and/or job creation;
- 4) The business must be a member of the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Nominee's Name: _____

Chamber Member Business: _____

Nominee's Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

2023 Outstanding Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year Award, established in 1967, is named after the late Chamber Director and Community Leader, Paul Vonderhaar. The Paul Vonderhaar Citizen of the Year award recognizes an individual who has given extraordinary service to the community.

Criteria for the Citizen of the Year Award:

- 1) The nominee must be a local resident who participates unselfishly in humanitarian activities that make a difference in the well-being of others;
- 2) The nominee must exhibit exceptional ethical qualities and strive to improve and preserve the community;
- 3) The nominee must have made significant contributions to the Canton community outside of their business profession.

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee's Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____



2023 Educator of the Year

The Educator of the Year award recognizes and honors the contributions of an outstanding teacher who has demonstrated a superior capacity to inspire a love of learning in students.

Criteria for Educator of the Year Award:

- 1) The educator should demonstrate a contagious enthusiasm for teaching and learning;
- 2) They should make an exceptional contribution to the school and the community;
- 3) The educator should inspire students to take on new challenges and reach their full potential;
- 4) The educator should be a role model and an inspiration to the education community.

Nominee's Name: _____
School: _____ Years in Education: _____
Nominee's Phone: _____ Email: _____
Reason for Nomination: _____

Return nomination form & recommendation letters by

Friday, February 3, 2023 to:
Canton Area Chamber of Commerce
48 N Main Street
Canton, IL 61520
Fax: (309) 647-2712
Email: cbobell@cantonillinois.org

All nominations must also include nominator's information:

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

If your nominee is selected as the winner of an award, we will contact you for more information regarding the recipient. If nominee is selected he/she will be requested to provide a good quality head shot for press releases along with personal photographs. If Nominee agrees to accept the award they are required to attend the Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 9th at Lakeview Event Center. Tickets to attend are \$35.00/person and we highly encourage you to attend.