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Community Service Awards

The "Southern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award" was developed to honor persons and businesses who are making significant contributions to their community through time, actions, talents and dedication. The honorees selected should serve as role models for compassion, and service and be striving to make the world a better place. Nominees should have a passion for helping others in the Southern Lancaster County community.

The Award

The award will be a bronze plaque with the individual's or business' name. Additionally, a \$500 scholarship will be given in honor of the award winners, which would be presented to one graduating Solanco and/or Lampeter-Strasburg high school seniors who will pursue education for a career in business. This new scholarship will be processed by the Southern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce scholarship committee.

Eligibility

Any individual or business who is involved in the Southern Lancaster County community may be nominated with the exception of any member of the Awards committee or Chamber Board. Nominees are not required to be chamber members, but involvement with the chamber is one demonstration of community involvement which will be considered when selecting honorees. An award will be presented to one individual or one business each year.

Criteria

Persons or businesses being nominated for this award will have consistently demonstrated qualities of compassion and service to either one organization or a variety of volunteer activities in one year. The charitable activities, events or service listed on the application cannot be part of the nominee's job description or duties as an employee of a non-profit organization and the individual cannot receive any monetary benefits from their involvement. Self-nomination is permitted.

Judging Criteria

- The degree to which their services/ actions have made a lasting or meaningful contribution or impact on their community - 40%
- The length and degree of their service(s) – 20%

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- The extent to which their service or action might be considered above and beyond the call of duty – 20%
- The extent to which their action would be recognized and valued by their peers/ community leaders- 20%

Frequently Asked questions

How do I nominate an individual or business for the Southern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award?

Submit a completed Nomination Form by the specified deadline. The Nomination Form is available online at southernlancasterchamber.org or by requesting a copy via email to secretary@southernlancasterchamber.com

When are Nomination Forms due and how are they approved?

Nomination Forms must be submitted by November 1 of the year prior to the banquet. Nominations are reviewed by the Awards Committee and winners are recommended for final approval by the Chamber Board.

What happens to Nomination Forms for nominees not selected to receive the Community Service Award? Nomination Forms will not be kept on file. Only new nomination forms will be considered each year.

When are the awards presented?

The Community Service Award winners are honored at the Celebration Banquet in March.

How will this information be communicated to the community? The Community Service Award program will be promoted on the Chamber's website and advertised in the local newspapers.

Is there an incentive for completing a nomination form? Anyone submitting a fully completed nomination form will receive a free Southern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce labeled water bottle. If the nominee is selected to win the service award, then the nominator will receive two complimentary tickets to the Southern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce banquet in March when the award will be presented (represents a \$70 value). The winning nominee will also receive two complimentary tickets to the banquet.

Please direct all questions about the Southern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award program to secretary@southernlancasterchamber.com