



Tracy Community Recognition Awards

2016 Winter Gala Nomination Form

The Tracy Community Recognition Awards are bestowed annually by the Tracy Chamber of Commerce. These awards result from nominations that come from the Tracy community at large and are selected by a committee. **Nominees do not have to be a member of the Chamber to be eligible for an award. Nominations are**

due by Friday, November 13th. Winners will be recognized at the 2016 Winter Gala taking place Friday, January 29th at the Tracy Community Center. For more information about the nomination process, please call 209-835-2131.

Instructions: This form must be filled out completely for the nominee to be considered for an award. Place an X in front of the appropriate award. Please use a separate form for each nominee.

- ☐ **Business of the Year**
- ☐ **Entrepreneur of the Year**
- ☐ **Professional of the Year**
- ☐ **Male Citizen of the Year**
- ☐ **Female Citizen of the Year**
- ☐ **Organization of the Year**
- ☐ **Educator/Administrator of the Year**
- ☐ **Emerging Youth Leader of the Year**

Nominee's Name _____ Date Completed _____

Nominee's Phone Number () ____ - _____

Nominee's employer/teacher _____ Retired _____ (Check if applicable)

Nominated by _____ Phone Number () ____ - _____

Please attach an explanation (200 words or more) of why this nominee should be considered for the category selected. Provide examples of professional/personal accomplishments, community service involvement, etc. In addition to a summary, you may also provide supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, biographies, etc.

Please return nomination form to the Chamber by fax, 209-833-9526 or by mail no later than Friday, November 13th.

(Nominating Criteria on back)

Nominating Criteria for Tracy Community Recognition Awards:

Business of the Year

This award is for the accomplishments of a business as a whole and (not necessarily an individual person). This business or organization should have a reputation for providing outstanding products and/or service to its customers. This business should be viewed as an outstanding local organization that is respected for its commitment, services and activities that promote a positive influence on the entire community.

Entrepreneur of the Year

This award is for a person who has developed a business concept and turned it into a successful enterprise. Other criteria to consider are the person's professionalism, business sense and community involvement. An entrepreneur is someone who organizes, manages and assumes the risk of a business or enterprise. **Examples of businesses that qualify for this award include but are not limited to: Retail, Restaurant, Home-based, Industrial, Agricultural, etc.**

Professional of the Year

This award is designed for the professional services industry. Most of these professions require a special degree or certification. The person selected for this award should be someone who has maintained high ethical standards in their profession, provides great customer service to clients and is involved in the community. **Examples of businesses that qualify for this award include but are not limited to: Attorney, Accountant, Real Estate, Banker, Medical, etc.**

Citizen of the Year (Male & Female)

This award is for someone who continuously demonstrates a leadership role in one or several community organizations and shows a commitment to serve the well-being of others. This person does not have to own a business in Tracy. This award is for the selfless acts of an individual committed to providing good-will within the city of Tracy and beyond. Individuals who qualify for this award include but are not limited to: Church, Service Club, Volunteer, Community Activist.

Organization of the Year

This award is for a local organization that has made major contributions to the community through their service programs and charitable work. This organization promotes a positive influence in the community through their fund-raising efforts and service related activities.

Educator/Administrator of the Year

This award is for a teacher or administrator from any school within the Tracy city limits who has demonstrated a passion for education. This person selflessly serves students, parents and the community and has an ongoing desire to positively influence education in Tracy. **This person can be an active or retired educator/administrator.**

Emerging Youth Leader of the Year

This award is for an emerging youth leader who has a positive influence on the community through volunteerism, fundraising efforts or committee participation. This student has displayed leadership, innovation and a commitment towards making a difference in the community through the projects and activities in which he/she has been involved. **Only Senior students who attend a high school in the Tracy city limits are eligible.**