

Peshtigo Area Chamber of Commerce Recognition Awards Criteria

These awards recognize those whose dedication, leadership, and service have made a meaningful and lasting impact on the Peshtigo community.

- Individuals, Businesses, and Organizations/Groups (including nonprofits) are all eligible for nominations. Non-profit or charitable groups, private institutions, and other non-government agencies are considered on the same basis as for-profit businesses.
- Nominees may be nominated in more than one category in any given year, but may only win in one. A winner is not eligible to win in the same award category more than once in a three year time frame.
- Nominees should live, work, or volunteer in the Peshtigo area or community.
- If no nominees are received in any given category, the committee will seek out candidates through resources available, and present the suggested nominees to the board of directors for a vote of approval to be a candidate.

Nomination forms may be submitted by:

Visiting the Chamber's website: www.peshtigochamber.com

E-mailing the chamber at: peshtigochamber@peshtigochamber.com

Contact the chamber to pick up a printed form: Karen 715-938-3008

Nomination deadline: **Tuesday March 31st 2026**

Nomination forms must be filled out completely and submitted by the deadline.

Selection Process:

- A committee will be selected to review and score the nomination forms.
- The committee's winning selections will be ratified by the Chambers Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on April 10th and winners notified promptly.
- Committee members may not be someone who has nominated a candidate, is related to a candidate, or has a close relationship with a candidate.
- Selection is based on impact, leadership, and alignment with Chamber values.

Awards Banquet will be held on April 30th 2026
Little River Country Club, Marinette WI

Recognition Awards Categories

Business/Person(s) of the Year

Purpose:

To honor a local business leader who demonstrates excellence in business practices while contributing positively to the economic vitality and quality of life in the Peshtigo area.

Criteria:

- Business or Person is a member of the Peshtigo Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Owns, manages, or leads a business located in or serving the Peshtigo community
 - Demonstrates strong leadership, innovation, and ethical business practices
 - Contributes to local economic growth through job creation, expansion, or investment
 - Actively supports community initiatives, nonprofits, or civic activities
 - Serves as a positive role model within the business community
 - Shows a sustained commitment to the community (not a one-time achievement)
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Youth Person of the Year

Purpose:

To recognize a young individual (19 years old or younger) who exemplifies leadership, service, and character while making a positive impact on the Peshtigo or surrounding community.

Criteria:

- Youth or young adult (recommended age range: middle school through early adulthood)
 - Demonstrates leadership in school, sports, clubs, or community organizations
 - Actively participates in volunteerism or community service
 - Shows responsibility, integrity, and a positive attitude
 - Serves as a role model for peers
 - Makes a measurable or meaningful contribution to improving the community
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Community Enhancement Award

Purpose:

To honor an individual(s), business, group, or organization who has significantly enhanced the Peshtigo community through service, advocacy, volunteerism or initiatives that improve quality of life.

Criteria:

- Demonstrates a strong commitment to community improvement
 - Leads or participates in projects that enhance livability, inclusivity, or civic pride
 - Shows dedication to volunteer service, nonprofits, or community organizations
 - Makes a visible, positive impact on the community's social, cultural, or physical environment
 - Inspires others to become involved or give back
 - Contributions may be ongoing or tied to a major community initiative and/or economic growth.
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Educator Person of the Year

Purpose:

To recognize an educator who goes above and beyond to positively influence students, schools, and the broader Peshtigo community.

Criteria:

- Works as a teacher, administrator, or educational support professional
- Demonstrates excellence and innovation in education
- Positively impacts student growth, achievement, or well-being
- Shows leadership within the school or educational community
- Actively supports extracurricular activities, mentorship, or community involvement
- Serves as a role model and advocate for lifelong learning

Peshtigo Area Chamber of Commerce ~ Recognition Awards Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to make a nomination for a business, individual, or group who has made a positive impact in the Peshtigo community.

Nominee Information

Nominee Name: _____

Category (check one):

- Business / Person(s) of the Year
- Youth Person of the Year
- Community Enhancement Person of the Year
- Educator Person of the Year

Organization / School / Business (if applicable):

Nominee Address or City (optional):

Nominee Phone or Email (if known):

Nominator Information

Your Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Keep my identity confidential: _____ Yes _____ No

Nomination Details

Please describe how the nominee meets the criteria for the selected category. Be specific and include examples where possible. (Additional pages may be attached.)

