



2024 Community Award Nomination Criteria & Nomination Form

Each year, awards are presented to honor and recognize outstanding businesses and individuals in our community. To make a nomination, please complete this form, in its entirety, and return it to the Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce in a sealed envelope. If additional space is needed, please attach a piece of paper with the nominee's name at the top. All nominees must meet the criteria listed in the award description(s) below to be eligible to receive the award. Award recipients are not required to be affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce.

The awards will be presented during the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, to be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025. If the nominee is selected as the award recipient, the first person who nominated them will be notified. The nominee will be asked to make arrangements for the recipient to attend the banquet to accept the award.

To nominate an individual in multiple categories, please submit a separate nomination form for each category.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, December 20, 2024.**

How to submit a nomination:

Mail: Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Community Award Nominations
PO Box 387
Cairo, GA 39828

In-Person: 961 North Broad Street
Cairo, GA 39828

Email: jennifer@cairogachamber.com

Online: www.cairogachamber.com

If you have any questions about the nomination/selection process, please contact the Chamber at (229) 377-3663.



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SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- ❖ Nominee must be an active business located and operating in Grady County with up to 30 employees,
- ❖ Nominee must have been in business for a minimum of two (2) years,
- ❖ Nominee must demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:
 - Exemplifies visible growth and financial stability while making a positive contribution to the community
 - Demonstrates creativity and innovation in products, services, or operations while adhering to their company brand
 - Maintains high standards of customer satisfaction by providing a high level of customer service
 - Exhibits strong leadership within the organization through personal and professional employee development efforts
 - Invests in the community through partnerships and/or collaborations

LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- ❖ Nominee must be an active business located and operating in Grady County with 31+ employees,
- ❖ Nominee must have been in business for a minimum of two (2) years,
- ❖ Nominee must demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:
 - Exemplifies visible growth and financial stability while making a positive contribution to the community
 - Demonstrates creativity and innovation in products, services, or operations while adhering to their company brand
 - Maintains high standards of customer satisfaction by providing a high level of customer service
 - Exhibits strong leadership within the organization through personal and professional employee development efforts
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MAN OF THE YEAR

- ❖ Nominee must be a current resident of Grady County,
- ❖ Nominee must demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:
 - Involved extensively in service and/or civic organizations
 - Demonstrates high ethical standards and integrity in all actions and words
 - Serves as a role model while positively influencing others
 - Contributes to the success of Grady County
 - Advocates for important causes by investing in business or community support



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WOMAN OF THE YEAR

- ❖ Nominee must be a current resident of Grady County,
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 - Demonstrates high ethical standards and integrity in all actions and words
 - Serves as a role model while positively influencing others
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YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

- ❖ Nominee must be a current resident of Grady County,
- ❖ Nominee must be between 21 and 45 years of age
- ❖ Nominee must demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:
 - Shows outstanding achievement in his/her chosen field of work
 - Demonstrates strong leadership skills within their profession
 - Exhibits commitment to personal and professional development by working effectively with others and inspiring peers
 - Contributes to the success of Grady County

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

- ❖ Nominee must be a current resident of Grady County,
- ❖ Nominee must demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:
 - Shows dedication to community service beyond regular job duties
 - Demonstrates a remarkable commitment to volunteerism that significantly impacts the community
 - Works effectively with diverse groups fostering collaboration to achieve goals
 - Contributes to the success of Grady County

FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

- ❖ Nominee must be a current resident of Grady County,
- ❖ Nominee must demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:
 - Demonstrates outstanding practices in farming and sustainability in Grady County
 - Shows strong family involvement in farming operations and decision-making
 - Actively participates in local community events and initiatives
 - Advocates for agriculture and rural issues in the community
 - Promotes agricultural education and awareness within the community
 - Contributes to the success of Grady County



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NAME OF NOMINEE _____

Nomination submitted by _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Award Nominated for: *(please select one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Professional of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Business of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Professional of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Man of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Family of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woman of the Year | |

Please explain why you are nominating this business or individual for the selected award. Include details about their achievements, community service involvement, and participation in local projects or organizations. You can also attach photos or articles to support your nomination.