KEARNEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR 2023

The Small Business of the Year Award is intended to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the economic growth of the Kearney area. The Small Business of the Year award is given by the Business and Education Committee of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce and is designed to recognize the important role small businesses play in our local economy. Through the award process, businesses are recognized for economic growth and sustainability of the company, entrepreneurship, response to adversity, innovativeness of products or services, community involvement and stewardship, workplace culture and employee relations, and leadership. For this award, a small business is defined as an independently owned and operated business headquartered in Kearney that is organized for profit. To be eligible for the Small Business of the Year Award, all applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current member in good standing of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce for a minimum of two years
- Have completed a minimum of three years in business (do not want to compete with the New Business of the Year award)
- Have a minimum of three (3) employees and a maximum of fifty (50) employees
- Responds to business challenges and problems with effective solutions
- Show growth in sales, services, and/or growth in the number of individuals served and expanded products, programs, or services
- Demonstrate a commitment to ethical business practices
- Demonstrate a commitment to employee support and development
- Demonstrate community involvement/leadership
- Demonstrate a commitment to utilizing resources in the Kearney area to help your business grow

*All applications will be kept confidential*
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# Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce **Small Business of the Year 2023** NOMINATION FORM

All Chamber members are encouraged to nominate another Chamber member business for the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award. All businesses nominated will receive a letter of congratulations and will be asked to complete an application form. Applications will be verified and reviewed by the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Business & Education Award Selection Committee. Nominations for the Small Business of the Year Award will be accepted until **November 14, 2023.** The winner of the Small Business of the Year Award will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce on February 5th, 2024.

Nominee/Business Name_____

Contact Name_____

Address_____

Phone _____

Submitted by_____

Business name_____

Phone_____

Email _____

Why did you choose to nominate this business for the Outstanding Business of the Year Award?

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Please return nomination forms to:
Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce
Business & Education Committee
P.O. Box 607, Kearney NE 68848-0607
Phone: (308) 237-3101
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