

# Calling All Nominations for the 2026 Business of the Year

*(Golden, CO)* Nominations are open for the annual Golden Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. Businesses are nominated by their peers, customers, community leaders, employees, or themselves and then reviewed and voted on by the Golden Chamber Board of Directors.

“Recognizing business leaders for their contributions to the community is an important function for understanding how huge a role businesses play here,” Golden Chamber President Nola Krajewski said. “Every business, no matter their size or stage of growth, is part of the ecosystem that keeps the Golden community thriving through sales taxes, local sponsorships, employment, goods and services for residents, and creating a town that people want to live in. Those businesses that extend themselves even more than usual deserve to be honored for their achievements.”

Categories for the 2026 Golden Chamber of Commerce Business Awards are the following:

## **Community Impact of the Year Award:**

Presented to a business, non-profit, or organization that creatively and effectively brought together community members, resources, or organizations to encourage an environment of support, respect, and thoughtfulness within the Golden community.

## **Volunteer of the Year Award:**

In recognition of outstanding volunteer service within the greater Golden area. This volunteer best demonstrates the selfless and valuable contribution that volunteering makes to our community as a whole.

## **The Golden Standard Award:**

Presented to an organization or business that actively demonstrates support for diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace or in the City of Golden. The awardee contributes to and enhances our business environment through consistent and sustained efforts to improve opportunities for the diverse communities we serve.

## **Budding Business of the Year Award:**

This is awarded to a business who has been in operation five years or less. The Budding Business of the Year award recognizes the difficulties that come with starting a business and is awarded to a relatively new business that has demonstrated the creativity, energy, perseverance, and talent needed to sustain a successful business and has provided a positive impact on the local community.

## **Business of the Year Award:**

This award is presented to a business that has thrived, enhanced the lives of its employees, and shown exceptional support to the economic vitality of the Golden Community.

Golden Chamber Members are eligible. Awards will be presented at the Golden Chamber’s Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon in April, 2026. The nomination form is [2026 Golden Chamber Awards Nominations Form](#).

For more information and to schedule an interview, please contact Chamber President Nola Krajewski, at [info@goldenchamber.org](mailto:info@goldenchamber.org) or call 303.279.3113

## **About the Golden Chamber of Commerce:**

The Golden Chamber of Commerce, a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization, has been at the forefront of promoting economic prosperity in the Greater Golden Area since its establishment in 1920. Rooted in the entrepreneurial spirit that defines Golden, the Chamber works tirelessly to advocate for local businesses, collaborate with community stakeholders, and improve the quality of life for all residents. Through our mission of economic enhancement and promotion, we create a thriving environment where businesses can flourish and communities can prosper.