



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2024 INDUSTRY APPRECIATION AWARDS
“ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR”
NOMINATION FORM**

en-tre-pre-neur (ahn-truh-pruh-nu-er) - a person who organizes and manages any enterprise, especially a business, usually with considerable initiative and risk.

An Entrepreneur has the following qualities:

- Entrepreneurial Spirit – sets very high standards for self and business, demonstrates strong leadership skills and an unflinching desire and determination to be successful
- Financial Performance – track record in raising funds; quality of past investments; strategies in place for long term sustainability
- Strategic Direction – creates and turns business visions into business realities; demonstrates the ability to produce new and innovative products differentiating themselves from the competition; builds strategic alliances
- Community Impact – measured by revenue, operations or influential presence in the marketplace
- Innovation – pioneers a new approach or business model in product, culture or processes; anticipates and embraces change in the competitive environment
- Personal Integrity – values have earned the respect from staff, competitors, customers and the community

Please Note: This recognition is intended for businesses that have been in operation for at least 2 years and up to 5 years.

We acknowledge that in a healthy market economy, businesses will face governmental and competitive challenges. However, we expect all applicants to demonstrate their respect for competitors and government agencies.

Please submit completed form to:

Indian River County Chamber of Commerce
Economic Development Office
1216 21st Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960
Phone: 772-567-3491 - Fax: 772-778-3181

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All areas on this form MUST be completed, and nomination signed (page 4) to be considered – Please review Checklist on the last page

COMPANY NAME _____

CONTACT _____ POSITION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

WEBSITE _____

YEAR ESTABLISHED IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY (may not be more than 5 years)

TYPE OF BUSINESS (CHECK ONE)

___ Aviation ___ Life Sciences ___ Information/Technology

___ Homeland Security ___ Manufacturing ___ Energy

___ Corp. Headquarters ___ Trade/Export Services ___ Marine

___ Distribution/Logistics ___ Education/Training ___ Financial/Professional

Other _____

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS LICENSE

CONTRIBUTION TO INDIAN RIVER COUNTY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH

Number of employees currently employed: full-time _____ part-time _____ 1099 _____

Estimated capital investment to build and equip your business \$ _____

DISTINCTIVENESS OF PRODUCT(S) AND/OR SERVICES

What does your company produce or provide?

What is distinctive about your company's product/service?

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COMPANY GROWTH

List company revenues for up to last 5-years

YEAR	GROSS REVENUE (\$)	# OF EMPLOYEES
2019		
2020		
2021		
2022		
2023		
2024 (estimated)		

PARTNERSHIPS AND CHALLENGES OF LAUNCHING THE COMPANY

Describe how your business was launched:

What challenges did you face in starting your new company and how did you overcome them?

STRATEGIES TO REACH COMPANY SALES/GOALS

How do you promote/market your company to potential customers?

Describe your company's five-year projected sales/revenues. Briefly explain the primary business strategy that is expected to support these projections (such as acquisitions, organic growth, development of new product lines, mergers, etc.)

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

Check your company affiliations through membership or contribution:

___ Chamber(s) of Commerce

___ Local/Regional Trade Association: _____

___ Other (please list): _____

Describe your philosophy regarding corporate community involvement

Other industry or corporate awards received in past 5 years? Please list:

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

I verify that the submitted information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge

Please review the Checklist on the next page prior to submission

**PLEASE NOTE: Forms must be received by 5pm on
Wednesday, July 31st, 2024 (preferably via email)**

**The Industry Appreciation Awards Event is scheduled for
Thursday, October 3rd, 2024**

**Award recipients will be notified in advance of the Awards
Event, to make arrangements to attend**

**Photos of the award recipients will be taken directly preceding
the Awards Event and immediately following the event**

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NOMINATION FORM CHECKLIST**

Did you remember to attach:

Copy of your business license

Company logo (in color, if possible)

Additional information on your company for the Committee to consider – awards, recognitions, positive peer reviews

Thank you!