

# 37th Annual Small Business Awards



## Call For Nominations

### Award Categories

- Capital City Business of Distinction**  
An individual who owns 51% of a small business and is responsible for the principal operations of the small business.
- GO Topeka's Minority & Women Business of Distinction**  
A minority-owned business is a business that is at least 51% owned and operated by one of the following: Native American, Hispanic/Latino, African-American, Asian/Pacific Islander or Subcontinent Asian. A woman-owned business is a business that is at least 51% owned and operated by a woman.
- Nonprofit Award of Distinction**  
Must be legally formed as one of the following: 501(c)3, 501(c)4, 501(c)5 or 501(c)6.
- Emerging Entrepreneur Award**  
Successful business owner who has been in business one to two years. Nominee must be aligned with below criteria and must submit two references from either an educator, community service professional or customer.
- Small Business Advocate**  
Provides technical assistance to small businesses, supports the development of entrepreneurs, or raises the awareness about the importance of small businesses to the community.

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### Criteria For All Category Nominees:

- Longevity:** The company or firm must have been in business a minimum of three successive years under the same ownership. Exception made for Emerging Entrepreneur Award and Small Business Advocate.
- Growth:** The firm should demonstrate growth in employees, sales and business/organization expansion.
- Community Involvement:** The ownership of the firm should demonstrate initiative to aid the community through the use of personal or financial resources, including examples of involvement of its business, or in product or service.
- Imagination/Creativity:** The firm should have demonstrated creativity and imagination in the development of its business, or in its product or service.

**Deadline: All nominations must be received by 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 10, 2017**

NOMINATION FORM *(please print)*

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

President/Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check type of business:

Construction   
  Transportation   
  Manufacturing   
  Retail  
 Distribution   
  Communication   
  Service   
  Non-Profit

Brief description of product or service \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Award Category \_\_\_\_\_

RECOGNITION INFORMATION *(please print)*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

You may let the Nominee know I submitted this nomination:  
 Yes     No

Refer to reverse side for past recipients.  
Thank you for your nomination!



# Small Business Awards Call for Nominations 2017

On Tuesday, May 9, 2017, GO Topeka and the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce will recognize local businesses, a nonprofit agency and a small business advocate for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the Shawnee County community.

You can become part of the process by nominating a business for consideration.

**Please complete this form and return it to:**  
GO Topeka/Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce  
120 SE Sixth Ave., Suite 110, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3515

**Nomination forms can also be faxed to 785.234.8656 or e-mailed to manderson@GoTopeka.com.**

Additional forms are available at GoTopeka.com. If you have any questions, call GO Topeka at 785.231.6000. GO Topeka and the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce will contact the business/organization and ask for additional information addressing the specific selection criteria.

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## Past Recipients of Small Business Awards

4 All Humanity  
Admark, Inc.  
Architect One, P.A.  
J. M. Bauersfeld's  
Behne & Company CPAs  
Benchmark Security Corporation  
BioCore, Inc.  
Blackburn Nursery & Lawn Service  
Bobo's Drive-Ins  
Boss Hawg's Barbeque & Catering  
Bowser-Johnson Funeral Chapel  
Braunsdorf, Carlson & Clinkinbeard  
Brimans Leading Jewelers  
Bryan World Tours  
CJS Industries, Inc.  
C. L. Canfield Constructors, Inc.  
Capital City Bank  
Capital City Moving & Storage Inc.  
Capital Graphics, Inc.  
Capitol City Oil  
Cardinal Building Services, Inc.  
Carnival Guy Party Rentals  
Carousel Gifts  
CASA of Shawnee County  
Cashmere Popcorn  
Central Research  
Char's Flowers  
Clayton Financial Services, Inc.  
Coldwell Banker Griffith & Blair  
ColorWorks Paint & Supply  
Community National Bank  
Contract Design Group, Inc.  
Creative Productions  
Cushinberry Refuse Collection  
Dog Day Afternoon  
Dunhill Personnel of Topeka  
Dynamic Computer Solutions of Topeka, Inc.  
Educational Credit Union  
Engroff Catering  
ERC Resource & Referral  
Fairlawn Plaza Shopping Center  
Fisher's Fixtures  
Flesher Corporation

The Flower Gallery  
FryeAllen, Inc.  
Gage Bowls  
Gardner Floor Covering  
Garrett & Associates (McDonald's)  
GreatLife Golf & Fitness  
Gregg Tire  
Hall Directory, Inc.  
Hall Publications  
Carol Hamilton's Catering  
Hawkins Optical Laboratory  
HDB Construction, Inc.  
Heartland Park Topeka  
Hillmer's Luggage, Leather & Gifts  
Hinkle/Frye/Scannell Advertising  
Housing and Credit Counseling  
John Hoffer Chrysler Plymouth  
i Natural Cosmetics  
ILC of Topeka and Lawrence, LLC  
Jayhawk File Express  
Jones Seel Huyett, Inc.  
Jones Advisory Group  
JQ Historic Properties  
KS Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc.  
KSNT-TV  
KTKA-TV News Source 49  
KTPK-FM Radio Twister 106.9  
Kansas Blood Services  
Kansas Building Systems  
Karlans Furniture  
Key Staffing  
Kiene & Bradley Design Group  
King Travel Service, Inc.  
Knoll Patient Supply, Inc.  
KTWU  
L&J Building Maintenance, LLC  
La Siesta Foods  
Litwin's  
Lower Plbg, Heating & Air Conditioning  
M-C Industries, Inc.  
MB Piland Fat Free Advertising  
McCrite Plaza  
Medevac  
Midland Care Connection

Midway Wholesale  
Midwest Coating Inc.  
Midwest Health Services, Inc.  
Midwest Machine Works, Inc.  
Mize Houser & Company  
Mobilefone of Kansas  
MotoVike Films  
Neon Tube Light  
Bud Newell & Associates, Inc.  
Ken Orr & Associates  
Palace Plaza  
Pepsi-Cola Bottling  
PTMW, Inc.  
PT's Coffee Roasting Co.  
C. W. Porubsky's  
Prudential Greater Topeka Realtors  
Reliable Car Shop  
Reliant Apparel, LLC  
Rosemary Garden Florists  
Rosie's Show-Off  
S/S Builders, Inc.  
SAMCO, Inc.  
Schmidtlein Excavating, Inc.  
Schwerdt Design Group, Inc.  
Scotch Fabric Care Services  
Senne Company Inc.  
Seven-Up Bottling  
Shopgracieb.com  
Silver Lake Bank  
Six Auto Sales and Service  
Smith Audio Visual, Inc.  
South City Animal Hospital  
Super D Drugs  
TARC, Inc.  
Topeka Harley Davidson Motorcycles  
Topeka Metal Specialties, Inc.  
Topeka Savings Association  
T.R.E.A.L. Fashions  
Harry Turner & Associates  
Wheatland Property Management  
Wolfe's Cameras

**\*Recipient names accurate at time of award.**