

# 40TH ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



### AWARD CATEGORIES

- CAPITAL CITY BUSINESS OF DISTINCTION**  
A successful company that exhibits strong growth, longevity, and is committed to community involvement.
- MINORITY OWNED 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.
- WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS OF DISTINCTION**  
The nominee must be a female who serves as a majority owner (51% or more) and operates or bears principal responsibility for operating a small business.
- 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 three years. Nominee must be aligned with below criteria and must submit two references from either an educator, community service professional or customer.
- INNOVATION AWARD**  
Recognizes a business or organization for the exemplary use and implementation of innovation and progressive practices that have made a significant improvement for customer, company, community or environment.

### 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.

#### GROWTH

The firm should demonstrate growth in employees, sales and business/organization expansion.

#### IMAGINATION/CREATIVITY

The firm should have demonstrated creativity and imagination in the development of its business, or in its product or service.

#### 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.

#### NOMINEES MUST BE LOCATED IN SHAWNEE COUNTY

For questions, call GO Topeka at 785.231.6000 or email [MaryAnn.Anderson@TopekaPartnership.com](mailto:MaryAnn.Anderson@TopekaPartnership.com).

#### DEADLINE

All nominations must be received by  
**3 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2020.**

#### NOMINATION FORM *(please print)*

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ President/Owner \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Brief Description of Product or Service \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

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On Tuesday, May 12, 2020, The Greater Topeka Partnership will recognize local businesses, a nonprofit agency and an emerging entrepreneur 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:

Greater Topeka Partnership  
719 S. Kansas Ave., Suite 100, Topeka, Kansas 66603

Nomination forms can also be e-mailed to [MaryAnn.Anderson@TopekaPartnership.com](mailto:MaryAnn.Anderson@TopekaPartnership.com) or faxed to 785.234.8656. All nominations must be received by 3 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2020.

**The Greater Topeka Partnership will contact the business/organization and ask for additional information addressing the specific selection criteria.**

## PAST RECIPIENTS OF SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

*Recipient names accurate at time of award.*

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|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| 4 All Humanity                     | Cushinberry Refuse Collection              | Services, Inc.                         | PT's Coffee Roasting Co.           |
| Admark, Inc.                       | Dog Day Afternoon                          | KSNT-TV                                | C. W. Porubsky's                   |
| AIM Strategies                     | Dunhill Personnel of Topeka                | KTKA-TV News Source 49                 | Prairie Glass Studios              |
| Architect One, P.A.                | Dynamic Computer Solutions of Topeka, Inc. | KTPK-FM Radio Twister 106.9            | Prudential Greater Topeka Realtors |
| J. M. Bauersfeld's                 | Educational Credit Union                   | Kansas Blood Services                  | Reliable Car Shop                  |
| Behne & Company CPAs               | Engroff Catering                           | Kansas Building Systems                | Reliant Apparel, LLC               |
| Benchmark Security Corporation     | ERC Resource & Referral                    | Karlan's Furniture                     | Rosemary Garden Florists           |
| BioCore, Inc.                      | Fairlawn Plaza Shopping Center             | Key Staffing                           | Rosie's Show-Off                   |
| Blackburn Nursery & Lawn Service   | Fisher's Fixtures                          | Kiene & Bradley Design Group           | S/S Builders, Inc.                 |
| Bobo's Drive-Ins                   | Flesher Corporation                        | King Travel Service, Inc.              | SAMCO, Inc.                        |
| Boss Hawg's Barbeque & Catering    | The Flower Gallery                         | Knoll Patient Supply, Inc.             | Schendel Lawn and Landscape        |
| Bowser-Johnson Funeral Chapel      | FryeAllen, Inc.                            | KTWU                                   | Schmidlein Excavating, Inc.        |
| Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka       | Gage Bowls                                 | L&J Building Maintenance, LLC          | Schwerdt Design Group, Inc.        |
| Braunsdorf, Carlson & Clinkinbeard | Gardner Floor Covering                     | La Siesta Foods                        | Scotch Fabric Care Services        |
| Brimans Leading Jewelers           | Garrett & Associates (McDonald's)          | Let's Help Inc.                        | Senne Company Inc.                 |
| Bryan World Tours                  | GreatLife Golf & Fitness                   | Litwin's                               | Seven-Up Bottling                  |
| CJS Industries, Inc.               | Gregg Tire                                 | Lower Plbg, Heating & Air Conditioning | Shopgracieb.com                    |
| C. L. Canfield Constructors, Inc.  | Hall Directory, Inc.                       | M-C Industries, Inc.                   | Silver Lake Bank                   |
| Capital City Bank                  | Hall Publications                          | MB Piland Fat Free Advertising         | Six Auto Sales and Service         |
| Capital City Moving & Storage Inc. | Carol Hamilton's Catering                  | McCrite Plaza                          | Smith Audio Visual, Inc.           |
| Capital Graphics, Inc.             | Happy Basset Brewing Company               | Medevac                                | South City Animal Hospital         |
| Capitol City Oil                   | Hawkins Optical Laboratory                 | Midland Care Connection                | Stevenson Company, Inc.            |
| Cardinal Building Services, Inc.   | Hazel Hill Chocolates                      | Midway Wholesale                       | Super D Drugs                      |
| Carnival Guy Party Rentals         | HDB Construction, Inc.                     | Midwest Coating Inc.                   | TARC, Inc.                         |
| Carousel Gifts                     | Heartland Park Topeka                      | Midwest Health Services, Inc.          | TK Business Magazine               |
| CASA of Shawnee County             | Hillmer's Luggage, Leather & Gifts         | Midwest Machine Works, Inc.            | Topeka Harley Davidson Motorcycles |
| Cashmere Popcorn                   | Hinkle/Frye/Scannell Advertising           | Mize Houser & Company                  | Topeka Metal Specialties, Inc.     |
| Central Research                   | HME, Inc.                                  | Mobilefone of Kansas                   | Topeka Rescue Mission              |
| Century Business Technologies      | Housing and Credit Counseling              | MotoVike Films                         | Topeka Savings Association         |
| Char's Flowers                     | John Hoffer Chrysler Plymouth              | Neon Tube Light                        | Jenny Torrence, advocate           |
| Clayton Financial Services, Inc.   | i Natural Cosmetics                        | Bud Newell & Associates, Inc.          | T.R.E.A.L. Fashions                |
| Coldwell Banker Griffith & Blair   | ILC of Topeka and Lawrence, LLC            | Norsemen Brewing Company               | Harry Turner & Associates          |
| ColorWorks Paint & Supply          | Jayhawk File Express                       | Oasis Family Medicine Assoc., LLC      | Wheatland Property Management      |
| Community National Bank            | Jones Seel Huyett, Inc.                    | Ken Orr & Associates                   | Wolfe's Cameras                    |
| Contract Design Group, Inc.        | Jones Advisory Group                       | Palace Plaza                           |                                    |
| Cortez Transportation              | JQ Historic Properties                     | Pepsi-Cola Bottling                    |                                    |
| Creative Productions               | Kansas Commercial Real Estate              | PTMW, Inc.                             |                                    |
| Curb Appeal Power Wash             |  |  |                                    |

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