PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Nebraska Chambers Association will award three Professional of the Year designations at its Fall Conference in 2026. The conference is October 14th-16th in Bellevue.

Eligibility: Any person that is a current (as of the nomination) active member of the Nebraska Chambers Association shall be eligible for nomination.

Designation: Although the awards will be identical in name and appearance, the group will give two awards to a "community" chamber of commerce professional and one award to a "service provider" professional.

The definition of the awards is as follows:

- Community – The organization for which the professional works is a local or county organization.
- Service Provider – The organization for which the professional works is a utility, a regional service provider or a statewide service provider.

Schedule: Call for nominations will be made each year by the Nebraska Chambers Association President. Nominations for Professional of the Year must be sent to the President for Nebraska Chambers Association by September 25, 2026. The Board of Directors must approve the selections (electronically, by conference call or an in-person meeting). Awards will be given at the Fall Conference or other designated event as established by the Nebraska Chambers Association Board of Directors.

Selection Committee: The selection committee for Professional of the Year will consist of Active Members of Nebraska Chambers Association and will be selected by the President of the Nebraska Chambers Association with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. The total number of members is at the discretion of the President with Board approval, however, at least three members must be appointed including one person from a large city/county, one person from a small city/county, and one person from a service organization or utility. Any Active Member is eligible. A selection committee member is ineligible from winning the award that year. However, that person may resign their position on the Selection Committee if nominated by the September 25, 2026 deadline.

Nomination Process: Only an active member of Nebraska Chambers Association may nominate a member for the award using a standardized nomination form approved by the Board of Directors.

Criteria for Selection: It should be generally accepted that the selection process is subjective in nature. The committee should give priority to achievements in the previous 12 months. However, the selection committee should use the following criteria as part of the process:

A. Business development in the community
B. Innovation – new programs or events developed and their results
C. Organizational effectiveness within service territory
D. Leadership in the profession and in Nebraska Chambers Association

Awards Ceremony: The designated Professional(s) of the Year should have the opportunity to invite key community/organizational leaders to the awards presentation and the Board of Directors should make every effort to ensure proper recognition of the achievement.

Publicity: Nebraska Chambers Association will send a press release to all major media outlets and the media outlets in the winners' service territory. The President is responsible for working with the winners to write and distribute the information

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I would like to nominate the following individual for Nebraska Chambers Association Professional of the Year.

NOMINEE NAME & TITLE:

ORGANIZATION:

PLEASE PROVIDE:

1. A brief description of his/her major projects completed in the community

2. Innovation – new programs or approaches developed and their results

3. Organizational effectiveness within service territory

4. Leadership in the profession and in Nebraska Chambers Association

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Please check all that apply:

☐ The organization for which the professional works is a local/county organization under 10,000.

☐ The organization for which the professional works is a local/county organization over 10,000.

☐ The organization for which the professional works is a utility, a regional service provider or a statewide service provider.

WHY THIS INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED:

NOMINATED BY:

Submit forms to:
Amber Holle
Email: amber@fallscitychamber.com
DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 25th, 2026