



## **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR 2014**

The Knightdale Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the *Large and Small Business of the Year Awards* which will be presented at the Knightdale Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Thursday, February 27, 2014.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of these awards is to recognize the importance and accomplishments of local business owners in the Knightdale Community, and to honor those who have demonstrated best practices in the specific criteria of each award.

### **Knightdale Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year Award Criteria**

- Business open for 3 years or more
- Has a workforce of 20 or greater employees
- Business must be profitable (Finalist will be asked to provide a statement from CPA / bookkeeper confirming profitability)
- Has made an impact on Knightdale community (volunteering, fundraising, mentoring or financial contributions)
- Nominee may not be a current member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors or the Business Engagement Committee
- Be a chamber member in good standing

### **Knightdale Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award Criteria**

- Business open up to 3 years or more
- Has a workforce base from 1 to 19 employees
- Business must be profitable (Finalist will be asked to provide a letter from CPA / bookkeeper confirming profitability)
- Has made an impact on Knightdale community (volunteering, fundraising, mentoring or financial contributions)
- Nominee may not be a current member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors or the Business Engagement Committee
- Be a chamber member in good standing

### **Who can apply:**

- Any for-profit business in the Chamber membership
- Business Owners may self-nominate
- Business nominee must have been in business a minimum of 3 years and in good standing with Chamber
- Businesses of the Chamber Board of Directors will not be eligible for awards

### **Judging Elements:**

- Confirmation of date business opened
- Demonstrates growth and profitability
- Community involvement
- Leadership in the community
- Demonstrates the entrepreneurial spirit

**Judging Process:**

- Business will be notified they have been nominated and will be asked to provide a profitability statement
- Business Engagement Committee will review and narrow applications down to 3 finalists in each category
- All nominees will be recognized at the Annual Banquet
- Final winner to be announced, photographed and receive award at the Chamber's Annual Banquet
- Applications are reviewed for quality, not quantity, of applications

**Nominees receive:**

- Acknowledgement of nomination by letter from the Chamber President
- All nominees will be listed on the chamber website as a nominee in Feb.

**Finalists: (3 finalists for each category)**

- Recognition in the program at the Annual Banquet
- Highlighted as a finalist in a March e-Communicator
- Highlighted as a finalist on the Chamber website

**Award Recipients:**

- Two complimentary reservations to the Annual Banquet
- Profile of Business in March e-Communicator and online for same month
- Award to display accomplishment

Awards will be presented by the Business Engagement Committee of the Knightdale Chamber of Commerce. Awards are not given based on number of times a business is nominated but on the criteria of each nominee. If you are interested in nominating a business you feel deserves this award, please complete the information requested below. Return or mail to Knightdale Chamber of Commerce, 207 Main Street, Knightdale, NC 27545, email to [knightdalechamber@knightdalechamber.org](mailto:knightdalechamber@knightdalechamber.org), or fax to 919-794-8644, no later than Friday, Jan. 31, 2014.



# NOMINATION - BUSINESS OF THE YEAR 2014

## NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee's Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year started \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_ Profitable (circle one) yes or no

Summarize the impact Nominee has made on Knightdale's Community. Please attach supportive documents, newspaper or trade magazine articles.

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## NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach additional pages or articles as needed)