



NOMINATION FORM
2026 ANNUAL AWARDS

Highland
Chamber of Commerce

NOMINEE:

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Please check one category per nominee. You may nominate for multiple categories, please use a separate form for each nomination. Keep in mind to be specific as you nominate, as your information helps the committee make their decision. **April 20, 2026.**

There are many unsung heroes in our community whose achievements might otherwise go unnoticed; the Annual Awards Ceremony is our opportunity to acknowledge them. (See our website at highlandillinois.com for past award recipients.)

_____ **Business Person of the Year Award**

Presented to a local business person who has shown outstanding performance and success in his/her industry and a "beyond-the-call-of-duty" dedication to Highland. In addition to holding a leadership role in his/her company, the honoree has actively participated in service organizations, governing boards, and other civic committees, promoting growth and development for all Highland businesses.

_____ **Bob Hardy Citizen of the Year Award**

Presented to someone who has supported and enhanced the image and civic progress of Highland. The person has contributed substantial personal time, financial support, and/or effort to the community and civic events, thereby leading to a higher standard of living in the Highland area.

_____ **Homer Poss Lifetime Achievement Award**

Presented to an individual who has made a significant positive impact on the Highland community through his or her past achievements over a long period of time and who has enhanced the quality of life for Highland area residents. This award will not necessarily be presented each year, but only when the selection committee feels there is a need to honor a special Highland contributor.

_____ **Bill Pierce Chamber Member of the Year Award**

Presented to a member of the Highland Chamber of Commerce who has exhibited extraordinary service to the organization, and who has made use of his/her business skills for betterment of the entire community. This person has held Chamber leadership positions; being a board member, project chairperson or active volunteer and has shown initiative and creativity in pursuing the goals of his/her business or profession.

_____ **Helping Hands Award**

Presented to a young person in the greater Highland area who has dedicated substantial time and energy to making our community better. (Nominee MUST be under the age of 24)

SUBMITTER:

NAME: _____

PHONE/EMAIL: _____

Comments on why your nominee is deserving of the award (attach additional page if needed) _____

Please submit nominations to the Chamber office for committee review by **April 20, 2026**

Mail or drop off to: 1008 Laurel Street, Highland, IL 62249

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