

CLARION AREA CHAMBER OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

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Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry

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CLARION AREA CHAMBER OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry is currently accepting nominations for the 2011 Annual Awards. Nominations are accepted in the following categories: "Citizen of the Year", "Business of the Year—Community Service Division", "Business of the Year—Economic Development Division", and "Education Business Partner". All nominations **MUST** be submitted by **Friday, January 6, 2012**.

The winner for each category will be announced during the Clarion Area Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, March 10, 2012. The dinner and awards ceremony are held on the campus of Clarion University.

The following is a breakdown of each award category along with the criteria.

---Citizen(s) of the Year

1. Community involvement as a volunteer, employee or employer for the Clarion community during this past year
2. Individual contributions toward the continual "quality of life" and growth of Clarion County with special emphasis on recent accomplishments

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3. Award is open to anyone who lives or works in Clarion County
4. Award is open to couples as well as individuals
5. Past "Citizen of the Year" recipients are ineligible

---Business of the Year

"Community Service Division"

1. The business must be a member in good standing with the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry for at least one year prior to nomination
2. Community involvement (i.e. time and hours donated toward community projects, sponsorships, little league, etc.)
3. Contribution of financial resources (i.e. facilities, labor, equipment, etc.)

"Economic Development Division"

1. The business must be a member in good standing with the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry for at least one year prior to nomination
2. Increased employment for Clarion County
3. Facility expansions and improvements

---Education Business Partner

1. The business must be a member in good standing of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry for a period of one year prior to nomination

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2. The nomination should consist of a narrative that explains the contributions the private sector business has made to support one or more schools in the county -- the interdependence of business and education

To nominate an individual and/or business that meet the listed criteria, please submit the name(s) along with supporting documentation of qualifications.

Please address nominations to the following:

Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry
C/o Annual Dinner Committee-- Award Nominations
21 N. 6th Avenue
Clarion, PA 16214

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012.

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