

Business Person of the Year

This award recognizes an outstanding individual for his or her dedication to their own business, as well as a commitment to advancing the business climate in the community. This individual should be a proven asset to the organization in which he/she holds a management position or is the owner. They should be well respected by their co-workers and employees, and should contribute to the quality of life in this community through volunteerism.

Criteria:

- *Must be a manager, owner or employee of a Chamber member business or organization.
- * Exemplifies Volunteerism in their community.
- * Assists in the growth and success of business.
- * Demonstrates the ability to positively respond to adversity.
- * Committed to quality of product and service.
- * Demonstrates concern for community betterment.
- * Demonstrates leadership skills.
- * Is involved in improving the local business climate.

Nominations are limited to residents of Columbia County and are confidential, however, the individual submitting someone for nomination must identify themselves. Selection of the award winner is made by an ad hoc selection committee appointed by the Chairman of the Board of the Magnolia - Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.

The recipient is officially recognized and presented the award at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting and banquet held in March of each year.

Business/Industry of the Year

To honor an industry or business that has demonstrated outstanding service to the community and its employees.

Nominations for this award are made by the community and Chamber Board members.

Criteria:

- * Chamber Member.
- * Committed to employees and welfare.
- * Provide an example of adapting to new management and marketing techniques.
- * Be a good retail citizen or corporate citizen of the area.
- * Demonstrate a willingness to contribute to the community efforts with their time, financial, and/or other resources.

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Citizen of the Year

This award is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution(s) “above and beyond” exemplified by their service through civic, service, charitable or religious organizations and/or community activities. These are factors that will also be used in determining this award.

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Community Service Award

This award recognizes an individual or a group whose remarkable efforts have produced significant benefit to our community. Their community involvement may take many forms, but the net result is that Magnolia and Columbia County are a better place to live and work because of their contribution. Among the areas of where “service” may have been given are projects completed, gaining positive recognition for the area, gifts or scholarships given,

aesthetic improvements, time and dedication to an organization or of the organization to public service, or a patriotic endeavor.

When deciding on an individual or organization for the Community Service Award, the below

mentioned criteria should be considered.

- * Longevity
- * Organization can be non-profit or for-profit
- * Service beyond the call of duty/mission
- * Volunteer Component

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Educator of the Year

This award is selected by school officials through nominations of the school employees. Each of the area School Districts or Private Schools in Columbia County will be able to submit one nomination. The Chamber will then select the winner of this award from the nominations submitted.

The nominee may be a teacher, administrator, office staff or other support staff member. The nominee should exemplify excellence in their field or job by their enthusiasm, expertise, creative ideas, and communication skills. This individual should be respectful and inspiring to both students and co-workers. The nominee must be a resident of Columbia County. Longevity of career should also play a factor.

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The presentation of the award will be presented to the recipient by the School Official.

Employee of the Year

This award is to recognize a person, employed by a Magnolia - Columbia County Business or agency, who is a Chamber member, who exhibits the characteristics of a valued employee. The nominee may be someone who has made outstanding contribution(s) “above and beyond” exemplified by their service through their job. This award is given to an individual who has made an outstanding impact on the lives of others by their service through civic, service, charitable or religious organizations and/or community activities.

This award is similar to that of the Citizen of the Year, but different in that this is the person is making a difference through his/her job.

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Public Servant Award

This award recognizes public safety officials, including Police, Fire, Ambulance, EMT and First Aid, who have a minimum of five (5) years service to Magnolia and Columbia County and have been involved in and contributed to an act (or acts) of exemplary service while providing for the safety of the community and its citizens. This may be a member of an auxiliary police force, volunteer fire department, or any other form of public service.

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Young Person of the Year

This award is designed to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions of young people in our community and the winner will be presented with a \$250.00 Scholarship (Sponsored by Cowling Title Company) to be used to continue their education. Anyone may nominate themselves or another who is a senior in one of the School Districts or Private Schools in Columbia County planning to attend college or trade school.

The nominee must be a resident of Columbia County and should exhibit the following: Leadership ability; Involvement and/or Contribution to Community; Involvement and/or Contribution to School; Volunteerism; Innovation and Creativity. The individual must be in the top 10% of his or her class (a letter from a school official stating this will need to accommodate the nomination).

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The person is officially recognized and presented the award by their school official at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting and banquet held in March of each year.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Magnolia-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce

Purpose: To recognize and honor an individual who has made sustained, significant achievements or contributions to Magnolia- Columbia County through his/her selfless dedication, leadership and service to the people of this community.

Eligibility: Citizen or former citizen of Magnolia-Columbia County and may be posthumously awarded. Chamber membership not required.

Criteria: Selection will be based on an individual who has demonstrated community philanthropic acts which:

- Promoted goodwill toward all people,
- Supported and encouraged business recognition, growth and development,
- Routinely participated in a variety of community endeavors to stimulate the health, welfare, and spirit of the community,
- Provided sustained leadership that made a lasting contribution to the community.