



2018 Industry Appreciation Awards Application

The Bay County Chamber celebrates local industry contributions through the prestigious Industry Appreciation Awards Program. Industry Appreciation Celebration is held in September to increase awareness of the industries that boost local economy and improve quality of life. The Bay County Chamber will be recognizing companies in Bay County who have made a significant contribution to the economy through new business creation, export excellence, innovation, entrepreneurship and business expansion. To be eligible, the company must be a for-profit business located in Bay County.

I. GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION. The purpose of the application is to better understand the company in order to make a well informed decision.

1. Do not include any information which could identify the company on any page except the first general information page. This page is removed before applications are sent to judges to keep the judging fair and anonymous. Please answer all questions in a separate file.
2. Include any appropriate documents that may help provide the judges a more complete picture of the leadership role the company plays in Bay County.
3. Email completed applications to Elizabeth@BayChamberFL.com or mail to:
Bay County Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Industry Appreciation Celebration Task Force
235 W. 5th St.
Panama City, FL 32401

II. APPLICATION DEADLINE AND FEES. The deadline to apply is Friday, August 24th by 4:00 pm. Winners will be notified during the Bay County Chamber's Industry Appreciation Celebration Breakfast on Friday, September 21st. There is no cost to apply for the award for members of the Bay County Chamber of Commerce. There is a \$50 application fee for future-members. Application fee must be paid when submitting the application.

III. MISCELLANEOUS. Each criterion is evaluated based on the company's size and industry category to give both small and large companies an equal opportunity for recognition. All information provided must be accurate and verifiable.



2018 Entrepreneurship Award

The Bay County Entrepreneurship Award is earmarked for a Bay County start-up company (less than five years) that sets the standard for entrepreneurship and creativity.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Company Name:		Main Contact:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone:	Email:		
Website:			
Parent Company (if applicable):			
Location of Parent Company (if applicable):			
Highest Ranking Officer in Bay County (name, title):			
Highest Ranking Officer (name, title, location if different from Bay County Officer):			
Type of Business (check all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation/Aerospace	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Headquarters	
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeland Security/Defense	<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Trade/Export	
<input type="checkbox"/> Distribution/Logistics	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial/Professional	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BAY COUNTY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH

Year company was established:	Number of employees in first year:
Current number of Bay County employees:	Average wage of Bay County Employees:

ENTREPRENEURSHIP INFORMATION

What products are produced, manufactured or provided in Bay County?

What is distinctive about the product/service and what are its primary applications?

How has the company grown in the last five years?

Year	Sales (\$)	Number of Employees
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		

Briefly describe how the business was launched.

What challenges were faced in starting the company and how were they overcome?

How is the company promoted to potential customers?

Describe the company's five-year projected sales/revenues. Briefly explain the primary business strategy expected to support the projections.

Provide any other pertinent information (100 word limit).

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

Select all organizations the business is associated with:

Bay County Chamber of Commerce

Local or regional economic development organization: _____

Florida-based manufacturing association: _____

Other: _____

List charitable fundraising and community events the business is involved with.

Give examples of professional and/or civic involvement in the community by senior management.