



OUTSTANDING CHAMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

To be presented at the
Annual Conference

About the Award

In addition to recognizing organization excellence, the Outstanding Chamber of the Year Award primarily focuses on acknowledging one or more significant achievements/accomplishments that a chamber has initiated, stimulated and/or led in its respective service area at some point during the past 18 months.

Achievements/accomplishments denote chamber activity that intentionally resulted in positive measurable results, including (but not limited to):

- A business development initiative,
- An economically impactful effort,
- A non-partisan election ballot (e.g. bond referendum) campaign, or
- A community improvement project.

Organizational excellence will be evaluated in each of the areas of: **membership, programs, planning and finance.**

Eligibility

All chamber members of CCEO in good standing are eligible to apply.

Benefits to Award Recipients

- Recognition via an official CCEO press release; and
- A plaque at the Awards Ceremony for display at the chamber.

Applications and Deadlines

Along with supporting documents, submitted with the application must be two (2) essays (both double-spaced):

- An essay (2 pages max) on achievements/accomplishments (80 points)
- An essay (1 page max) on organizational excellence (20 points)

Deadline for award applications is 5:00pm on October 15, 2021.

Application form and materials should be submitted in electronic or PDF format to Isaac Lee, COO@cceohio.com *NOTE: Applications should not be accompanied by promotional items such as mugs, posters, t-shirts, etc.; such items will not be considered as part of the application.*

Selection of Recipients

- One award will be presented to the highest-scoring chamber in each of these two categories based on chamber size:
 - Under 600 members
 - 601 members and over
- If no entries are received in a membership category or if entries within a category are not deemed by the selection committee to be worthy of an award, then the committee reserves the right to present no award in that category.
- Parts of any essays exceeding the designated maximum number of pages will not be regarded nor judged.
- All awards are final, and CCEO and board members are prohibited from commenting on applications.

2021 OUTSTANDING CHAMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION

Deadline is October 15, 2021 / Award presented at the Annual Conference

Chamber of Commerce:

Applicant Name:

Applicant's relationship/position with the Chamber:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Number of Members:

Name of Board Chair:

Organization:

Phone & Email:

Membership Size Classification

Annual Number of Members:

- Under 600 members
- 601 members and over

Please include the following essays (based on a total weighted/judging value of 100 points):

- A double-spaced, two-page essay on achievements/accomplishments (80 points)
- A double-spaced, one-page essay on organizational excellence (20 points) including the following areas:
 - Membership,
 - Programs,
 - Planning, and
 - Finance

Along with this application and above essays, please attach the following documents:

- Mission Statement (one page only);
- Year-end financials for most recently completed fiscal year (three pages max);
- Strategic plan and/or long range plan (four pages max);
- Membership and membership benefits information (five pages max); and
- Listing of chamber's major programs and services (three pages max).