

Professional of the Year Recipients (As of 2020)

Each year CCEO recognizes our most professional and active peers with the prestigious Michael A. Schultz Professional Of The Year award. This is our highest award of distinction that recognizes professional excellence - "the best of the best" - of chamber chief executives.

These awards are presented in memory of Michael A. Schultz, CCEO-AP (1944-1999). As President/CEO of Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce 1985-1997, and President/Chairman of CCEO 1994-1995, Michael served our industry with inspiration and distinguished leadership, and unselfishly supported the professional growth of his peers.

The recipients of this award are chamber chief executives whose performance and commitment to our industry and their local communities are exceptional. It is our recognition of the "best of the best" among Ohio Chamber professionals.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Chamber/Organization</u>
1992	Small	Joan Gordon	Exec. Dir.	Bowling Green
1992	Med.	Lee Luff, CAE, CCE, CCEO-AP	President	Findlay-Hancock County
1993	Large	Tom Heine, CCE †	Pres./CEO	Dayton & Mt. Vernon-Knox Co.
1993	Med.	Robert Tracht, CCE †	President	Mt. Vernon-Knox County
1993	Small	Alan Cleveland †	President	Salem Area
1994	Large	Tammy Simoneau	VP-OSBC	Ohio Chamber
1994	Med.	Ed Loewe		Marion Area
1994	Small	Eugene Morris	President	Medina Area
1995	Large	Mark V'Soske, CAE, MCP, IOM	President	Toledo Area
1995	Med.	Jean Sickles, CCEO-AP	Exec. Dir.	Worthington Area
1995	Small	Michael Schultz, CCEO-AP †	President	Defiance Area
1996	Large	Nick Navarra	President	Canton Area
1996	Med.	Jean Ankrom, CCEO-AP	Exec. Dir.	Circleville-Pickaway
1996	Small	Terry Naas, CCEO-AP	Exec. V.P.	Troy Area
1997	Larger	Phil Parker, CCEO-AP, CAE	Pres./CEO	Dayton Area
1997	Smaller	Dee Shrum, CCEO-AP	Exec. Dir.	Grove City Area
1998	Larger	Harry Bumgarner		Dayton Area
1998	Smaller	Janet Tressler-Davis, CCEO-AP	Pres./CEO	Westerville Area
1999	Larger	Nancy Foreman, CCEO-AP	Exec. Dir.	Euclid
1999	Smaller	David Vollette, CCEO-AP, IOM	President	Piqua Area
2000	Larger	Louanna Gwinn, CCEO-AP	President	Darke County
2000	Smaller	Bill Davis, CCEO-AP	President	Cambridge Area
2001	Larger	Margery Amorose, CCEO-AP	Exec. Dir.	Dublin Area
2001	Smaller	Jayne Cooper, CCEO-AP	President	Ashland Area
2002	Larger	David Daugherty	President	Mid-Miami Valley

2002	Smaller	Debra Lynn-Schmitz, CCEO-AP, IOM	Exec. Dir.	Medina Area
2003	Larger	Daniel Colantone	Pres./CEO	Akron Area
2003	Smaller	Dan Smith	Exec. Dir.	Kent Area
2004	Larger	Jed Metzger	Pres./CEO	Lima/Allen County
2004	Smaller	Karen Haley	President	Wilmington/Clinton Co.
2005	Large	Ruthanne Wilkof	Exec. Dir.	Jackson-Belden
2005	Medium	Roger Blackburn	President	Fayette County
2005	Small	Randy Heath	Exec. Dir.	Jackson Area
2006	Large	Joe Hinson	President & CEO	West Chester Chamber Alliance
2006	Medium	Larry Payne	Member Serv. Coord.	Athens Area
2007	Medium	Marla Akridge	President	Ashland Area
2007	Small	Doug Peters	Pres./CEO	Greater Findlay Inc.
2008	Large	Marvin Jones, CCEO-AP	Pres./CEO	Chillicothe-Ross
2008	Small	Janis Hills, CCEO-AP	Pres./CEO	Reynoldsburg Area
2009	Large	Cheri Hottinger, CCEO-AP	President	Licking County
2009	Small	Sean Hughes	President	Madison Co.
2010	Large	Charlotte Keim, CCEO-AP	Pres./CEO	Marietta Area Chamber
2011	Large	Eileen Leuby, CCEO-AP	President	New Albany Area
2012	Medium	Isaac Lee, MBA, CCEO-AP	Pres./ CEO	Defiance Area
2013	Medium	Libby Gierach, CCEO-AP	Pres./ CEO	Hilliard Area
2014	Medium	Joanne Sexton	President	Cambridge Area
2015	NA	CCEO	Organization	CCEO
2016	Medium	Kathy Grasz	Pres./CEO	Wyandot County
2017	Small	Joel Miller	Pres./CEO	Henry County/Napoleon
2018	Medium	Justin Starlin	President	Wooster Area
2019	*	*	*	COVID/No Meeting