



# Byron Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards 2023 Nomination Form

**Business of the Year • Community Partner of the Year  
Citizen of the Year • Emerging Business of the Year**

Please note that all nominations will be considered,  
However, some awards are not guaranteed to be presented annually.

## Business of the Year

**Eligibility:** Business must be a Byron Chamber of Commerce member.

Represents a business organized for-profit that has made a significant contribution to promoting the general welfare of the Byron community or has made a significant contribution to the industry, trade or profession of the business. The selection committee may consider the efforts that the business has made in development, progress and growth in the areas of commerce, industry, agriculture, education and culture.

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## Community Partner of the Year

**Eligibility:** Business must be a Byron Chamber of Commerce member.

Award represents a business, organization or public agency that epitomizes volunteer service. They have demonstrated a commitment to work with the chamber and the local community to address and solve basic needs within our community.

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## Citizen of the Year

**Eligibility:** Individuals living in Ogle County.

Award represents an individual who has made a significant volunteer contribution to the betterment of the Byron community.

Nominees affiliated with one of the following will be considered: Business community service (i.e. Chamber, Economic Development, etc.), Civic community service (i.e. City Council, Fire, School, Park, Forest Preserve, Library Board[s], etc.), Church community, Service organizations (i.e. Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, 4-H, Women’s Club, Scouts, etc.)

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## Emerging Business of the Year

**Eligibility:** Business must be a Byron Chamber of Commerce member.

Represents a business organized for-profit that is a relatively new, “Up and Coming,” business. This award was designed to encourage entrepreneurs who have been in business less than five years but more than one year. This award recognizes that starting a business requires a unique blend of vision, energy, perseverance and talent. It is given to businesses that have demonstrated a creative business approach, proven success, and positive impact on the local community.

**Nominations must be postmarked by March 15, 2023. Winners will be announced at the Byron Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023.**

**Nominations may be mailed to the Byron Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 405, Byron IL 61010, [office@byronchamber.com](mailto:office@byronchamber.com), or faxed to 815-234-7114. Please call the Chamber office at (815) 234-5500 with questions.**

