



Welcome to the Yellow Springs Chamber of Commerce's new, prestigious **"Stars of the Springs"** award nomination packet. It is with great pleasure that we extend an invitation for you to participate in recognizing the outstanding individuals and businesses that contribute to the vibrancy and success of our community! The **"Stars of the Springs"** awards celebrate excellence, commitment, and innovation throughout our communities, showcasing the remarkable achievements that enrich the fabric of Yellow Springs and Clifton. As you review on the nomination process, we encourage you to consider the following criteria for each award category:

Business Community Impact Award: This prestigious accolade honors a business that has made a significant and positive impact on the Yellow Springs and/or Clifton communities through its innovative initiatives, philanthropic efforts, or commitment to social responsibility. Nominees for this award should demonstrate a genuine dedication to improving the lives of community and business members, fostering inclusivity, and supporting local causes and organizations. Whether through charitable giving, volunteer programs, or sustainability initiatives, the recipient of this award embodies the character of corporate citizenship and serves as a beacon of inspiration for others in the business community.

Startup of the Year: This award recognizes the entrepreneurial spirit and ingenuity of a new business venture that has shown exceptional promise, growth, and impact within its first three years of operation in Yellow Springs. Nominees should demonstrate innovation, resilience, and a clear vision for success, as well as a positive contribution to the local economy and community. This award celebrates the courage and determination of entrepreneurs who have taken bold steps to launch and establish a thriving business in Yellow Springs, driving innovation and economic growth while promoting the values of our community.

Outstanding Employee of the Year: This award shines a spotlight on an exemplary employee whose dedication, professionalism, and contributions have significantly enhanced the success and reputation of their employer in Yellow Springs. Nominees should demonstrate exceptional work ethic, leadership, teamwork, and a commitment to excellence in their role.



Champion Volunteer of the Year: Recognizing an individual who not only excels in their professional capacity but also goes above and beyond in giving back to the community through volunteerism. This award honors someone who embodies the spirit of Yellow Springs and actively engages in charitable activities, community service projects, or mentorship programs, making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

As you prepare your nominations, we encourage you to reflect on the remarkable individuals and businesses that embody the spirit of excellence, innovation, and service in Yellow Springs. Together, let us celebrate their achievements and inspire others to reach new heights of success and impact. *All nominations **must be submitted** by the end of business day on **April 1, 2024** in order for the nominee to be eligible for review.*

Thank you for your participation in the "Stars of the Springs" awards program. Your support plays a vital role in recognizing and honoring the outstanding contributions that shape the future of our communities.