



2019 WOMAN BUSINESS OWNER OF THE YEAR

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The **Woman Business Owner of the Year Award**, sponsored by Northwest Bank is presented annually to recognize an outstanding female business owner among the Chamber membership. The award will be presented at the Chamber's Women in Business Expo and Luncheon, Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Giovanni's.

Entry Process

- 1) May be self-nominated or nominated by another person
- 2) Prepare a written submission that addresses the following:
 - **Candidacy**
In 250 words or less, state why your nominee should be designated "Woman Business Owner of the Year" by the Rockford Chamber of Commerce.
 - **Professional Accomplishments**
Describe the candidate's professional accomplishments. In what ways has she used innovative ideas and methods to improve her business? What has she "put back" into her profession? Please highlight some of the candidate's success in business.
 - **Community Contributions**
Describe the candidate's contributions to the community. How does this person share their time and/or talents to make the Rockford region a better place?
 - **Leadership Characteristics**
Describe the candidate's leadership characteristics that have proven instrumental to the candidate's success. How has this candidate been supportive of other women in business?
- 3) You may include additional information that you believe is significant, relevant, and supports the nominee
- 4) Please include the candidate's name, place of work, title, email address and phone number in the nomination.

Once you have finalized your submission, **please return to:**

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Nominations must be received at the Chamber by end of business day on Thursday, June 6, 2019.