



## 2024 INDUSTRY APPRECIATION AWARDS “ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR” AWARD NOMINATION FORM

**en·tre·pre·neur** (ahn-truh-pruh-nu-er) - a person who organizes and manages any enterprise, especially a business, usually with considerable initiative and risk.

### **An Entrepreneur has the following qualities:**

- Entrepreneurial Spirit - sets very high standards for self and business, demonstrates strong leadership skills and an unflinching desire and determination to be successful, faces adversity with enthusiasm
- Financial Performance - track record in raising funds; quality of past investments; strategies in place for long term sustainability
- Strategic Direction - creates and turns creative business visions into business realities; demonstrates the ability to produce new and innovative products differentiating themselves from the competition; builds strategic alliances
- Community Impact - measured by revenue, operations or influential presence in the marketplace and community
- Innovation - pioneers a new approach or business model in product, culture or processes; willingness to take risks; anticipates and embraces change in the competitive environment
- Personal Integrity - values have earned the respect from staff, competitors, customers and the community

**Please Note: This recognition is intended for businesses that have been in operation for 1 to 5 years.**

### **Please Submit Completed form to:**

Marion County Economic Development

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**All areas on this form MUST be completed and nomination signed (page 5) to be considered**

**COMPANY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print or type)

**CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **POSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEBSITE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEAR ESTABLISHED IN MARION COUNTY** (may not be more than 5 years):

\_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF BUSINESS** (check one)

Restaurant                      Agriculture                      \_\_\_ Information/Technology  
\_\_\_ Retail                              \_\_\_ Manufacturing                      \_\_\_ Energy  
\_\_\_ Corp. Headquarters      \_\_\_ Entertainment                      \_\_\_ Trade/Export Services  
\_\_\_ Distribution/Logistics      \_\_\_ Education/Training                      \_\_\_ Financial/Professional  
\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **CONTRIBUTION TO MARION COUNTY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Number of employees currently employed: full-time \_\_\_\_\_ part-time \_\_\_\_\_ 1099 \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated capital investment to build and equip your business \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated total local taxes paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Including Property and Intangible taxes)

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## DISTINCTIVENESS OF PRODUCT(S) AND/OR SERVICES

What does your company produce, manufacture or provide:

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What is distinctive about your company product/service?

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## COMPANY GROWTH

List company revenues for up to last 5-years

YEAR	GROSS REVENUE (\$)	# OF EMPLOYEES
2018	<hr/>	<hr/>
2019	<hr/>	<hr/>
2020	<hr/>	<hr/>
2021	<hr/>	<hr/>
2022	<hr/>	<hr/>
2023 (estimated)	<hr/>	<hr/>

## PARTNERSHIPS AND CHALLENGES OF LAUNCHING THE COMPANY

Describe how your business was launched:

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**What challenges did you face in starting your new company and how did you overcome them?**

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**STRATEGIES TO REACH COMPANY SALES/GOALS**

**How do you promote/market your company to potential customers**

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**Describe your company's five-year projected sales/revenues. Briefly explain the primary business strategy that is expected to support these projections (such as acquisitions, organic growth, development of new product lines, mergers, etc.)**

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## CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

Check your company's local affiliations through membership or contribution

\_\_\_\_ Chamber(s) of Commerce

\_\_\_\_ Local/Regional Trade Associations (name): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your philosophy regarding corporate community involvement

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NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

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*I verify that the submitted information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge*

**PLEASE NOTE: Forms must be received by 5pm on  
Tuesday, October 8th, 2024**

**Award recipients will be notified in advance of the Awards  
Event to make arrangements to attend.**

**Photos of the award recipients will be taken immediately  
following the Awards luncheon.**

***Thank you!***