

# 2024 Citizen of the Year Award

## NOMINATION FORM

Since 1959 the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce has had the distinct pleasure of awarding a Citizen of the Year Award to an individual/individuals, who the Chamber and the community recognize as a contributor to the betterment of life in the City of Mattoon, who has dedicated time, talent and energy in service to the residents of the Mattoon area. In order to find the best and most deserving recipient of this prestigious Citizen of the Year award, the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce goes to the membership and the general public for nominees.

### Criteria:

1. Any person who is 18 years of age or older and living in Mattoon is eligible.
2. This award is intended to recognize and celebrate the great volunteer spirit in Mattoon.
3. Service to be recognized should have been of benefit to the community or to society in general.
4. **Service to be recognized should have been performed over and above the normal duties of one's salaried or paid position.**
5. Service need not to have been confined to a single year but should be recent enough to have current significance.

If you would like to nominate someone please provide us with the following information:

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee is presently a member of the following organizations:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee has also served the following organizations in the past:

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Often, it is the culmination of several years' work that identifies the dedication of a citizen. Please list some accomplishments of this nominee over the past several years. (Please specify year, if possible) (If additional space is required, please attach a separate sheet):

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Please identify a special service or project this nominee accomplished which benefited the city and citizens of Mattoon over the last year (If additional space is required, please attach a separate sheet):

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Please be sure to complete both sides of the Nomination form.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach letters of support and recommendation to this nomination form, checking to make sure that the nominee meets the listed criteria. Why should this nominee be selected? Each letter should be signed and dated by submitter, with identification of position, any organization affiliation, as well as working relationship to nominee.**

The award will be presented at the Mattoon Chamber's Annual Dinner. The Chamber Board reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the recipient. All nominations are kept confidential. Please forward nomination, with supporting documents to:

**Mattoon Chamber of Commerce  
1518 Broadway Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938**

## **The cutoff date for nominations will be December 8, 2023**

*Past recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award include:*

Dr. Stan Thiel	Lender's Bagel Bakery
Virgil Judge	Dick & Ann Jones
Bill Whitson	Bud Karpus, Joe Kirk, Jim Rardin & Holly Shriver
J. Stanley Weis	JoAnn Homann
J.I. Dilsaver	Harry Gaines
Clem Phipps	Wilb Walker
Carl Ozee	Sallie Daugherty
Harve Ury	Bill Hamel
Russ Alfred	Nancy Owen
Dr. E.X. Link	Bernard deBuhr
R.A. Lumpkin	Gary Boske
Gene Hogan	Alice Larrabee
George Pendell	The "3 C's" - Chris Considine, Matt Cornell & Dave Cox
Mel Lockard	Robert Luther
Lee Foreman	Keith Summers
Mattoon Hospital Auxiliary	Jacqueline Record
Helen Douglas Hart	Fred Decker
Parent Group for the Retarded	Dr. Don Freesmeier
Dr. Clifford Brown & Wesley Towers	Charles Adams
Ethel Sheridan	Derald Doehring
Dr. Edward N. Zinschlag	Tony Sparks
Roy Sheppard	Jim Bennett
Clark Brogan	Y Builders
Gene Bauer	Dr. Phil Kepp
SBLHC Guild	Kurt Stretch
Dr. William Podesta	Celeste Webb
Morgan Phipps	Angela McQueen
Charles White	Mike Kallis
Harry Niemeyer	Jim and Paul Kearney
Charles Masching	Scott Eggleston
Richard Lumpkin	Steve Thompson
Camp New Hope	Alex Melvin
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Clark	Bob Ronchetti