

2025 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: _____

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):

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):

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 form. 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 19, 2025

Past recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award include:

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