



# FIFTH ANNUAL ULSTER COUNTY BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Ulster County has a wealth of outstanding businesses and business people. The Ulster County Chamber of Commerce and the Ulster County Development Corporation are seeking to recognize these companies and business people at the Fifth Annual Ulster County Business Awards Dinner on Thursday, October 22, 2009, 5:30 pm at Wiltwyck Golf Club.

The Awards recognize Ulster County entrepreneurs and businesses that are leaders in their sectors, have achieved outstanding results, or shown dedication and commitment to furthering business and the quality of life in Ulster County and the Hudson Valley region.

**You have the opportunity to nominate** a business or businessperson for this honor. To nominate, begin by reviewing the award categories listed on the next page. For a nomination to be valid, the Nomination Form must be complete, and we must receive the form in the Chamber office no later than Friday, July 31, 2009.

Winners will be honored at the dinner on October 22, 2009 which will be attended by approximately 300 leaders of both small and large businesses and the media. This event offers an excellent opportunity for honorees to be recognized for their accomplishments by their peers, industry leaders, the business community and members of the general public.

# 2009 Business Award Categories:

## ***Entrepreneur or Businessperson of the Year***

This award recognizes an entrepreneur or businessperson who has achieved extraordinary accomplishments in business or shown dedication and commitment to furthering business in Ulster County.

## ***Business of the Year***

Any Ulster County business that is recognized as a leader in its field and has demonstrated a commitment to its employees, customers, clients and to furthering business in Ulster County.

## ***Small Business of the Year***

Any small business in Ulster County (25 or less employees) that is recognized as a leader in its field and has demonstrated a commitment to its employees, customers, clients and to furthering business in Ulster County

## ***Cultural Business of the Year***

This category recognizes any cultural business that has improved the quality of life for Ulster County residents through culture and the arts and has furthered Ulster County's identity as a cultural destination.

## ***Building Project of the Year***

This Award is open for a new building or adaptive re-use project completed in Ulster County within the last year.

## ***Tourism or Hospitality Business of the Year***

Tourism and hospitality is one of the largest segments of business in the Ulster County economy. This award recognizes the excellence and dedication of a business in this industry.

## **Award Nomination Requirements:**

- Open to any business located in Ulster County
- Nominations may be submitted by any business or person in the community
- Nominations must contain answers to the questions on the Nomination Form
- Self nomination is encouraged

# 2009 Ulster County Business Recognition Awards NOMINATION FORM

## ***Nomination Questions:***

Please enclose your answers to the following questions with the Nomination Form. Limit your responses to 250 words per question. ***Entries are highly encouraged to be submitted by e-mail to bob@ulsterchamber.org.***

- Brief history of business (include how long the nominee has been in business in Ulster County; description of the product line or scope of services offered; number of employees (initially and presently).
- What makes the nominee different from (and better than) its competition?
- Explain why this company deserves this particular award.
- List nominee's involvement in industry, professional and civic organizations. Highlight awards won, offices held, and other special accomplishments/positions held by the nominee.
- The company may wish to include letters or references indicating growth and impact upon the local community (no more than three letters).

Please answer all the questions below. Use additional space as needed. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

**Award Category:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee (If Company):** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee (If Individual):**

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

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Deadline for Nominations:**

5:00 pm Friday, July 17, 2009. Please submit the Nomination Form with additional information to the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce, 55 Albany Avenue Kingston, NY 12401. Submissions can be done by fax (845) 338-0968, mail or by e-mail to bob@ulsterchamber.org.

A nomination form is available as a PDF file at [www.ulsterchamber.org](http://www.ulsterchamber.org). For information on this Nomination Form, the dinner or sponsorship opportunities call the Chamber office at 845-338-5100.

## **2008 Award Recipients:**

Businessperson of the Year	Paul Beichert Timely Signs
Business of the Year	FALA Technologies
Small Business of the Year	Bop to Tottom
Cultural Business of the Year	Maverick Concerts
New Building Project of the Year	Mountain Valley Manor
Adaptive Re-Use Building Project of the Year	Tonner Doll Co.
Tourism Business of the Year	Headless Horseman Hayrides And Haunted Houses
Heart of Ulster County Award	The Montano Family Montano's Shoe Store



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