



KING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
**EXCELLENCE
IN BUSINESS**
Awards



2026 Award Criteria & Descriptions

EXCELLENCE IN SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

This award honours a business with a sole proprietor or up to 25 employees that exhibits exceptional community involvement and commitment to the development of business in King Township. The company consistently demonstrates social and business responsibility, along with strong character attributes in both their business and social dealings. They actively support the community, helping to build awareness of both business and community values. The recipient must be a member of the King Chamber of Commerce.

EXCELLENCE IN LARGE BUSINESS AWARD

This award recognizes a business with 26 to 51+ employees that demonstrates outstanding community involvement and commitment to the development of business in King Township. The company consistently exhibits social and business responsibility, along with strong character attributes in both their business and social dealings. They actively support the community by building awareness of both business and community values, and they willingly support business owners and the community through participation and sponsorship of various community and business activities. The recipient must be a member of the King Chamber of Commerce.

EXCELLENCE IN NEW BUSINESS AWARD

This award recognizes a business that has been open for up to two years and/or is a new member of the King Chamber of Commerce, having joined between Nov 15, 2025 and Sep 30, 2026, and has demonstrated notable achievements within the Township of King. This may include early growth, exceptional customer service, innovative ideas, or community involvement. The recipient must be a member of the King Chamber of Commerce.

AGRICULTURAL AWARD

This award recognizes a business in King Township for its significant contributions to the local agricultural community. Inspired by our Annual Farm to Table event, this award honours businesses committed to sustainable practices, innovation, and community engagement. Nominees should demonstrate a positive impact on local agriculture, support economic growth, and promote the sector. The finalist will be chosen based on these achievements, celebrating their dedication to advancing agriculture in the region. The recipient must be a member of the King Chamber of Commerce.



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ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

This individual has demonstrated outstanding innovation, leadership, and business growth. This person has successfully launched or significantly developed a business, overcoming challenges and making a positive impact within their industry and the wider community. Their vision and determination serve as an inspiring example of entrepreneurial success. The recipient must be a member of the King Chamber of Commerce.

SUSTAINABLE KING AWARD

This business participates in environmental leadership on an ongoing personal and/or professional basis. This business shows a commitment to the environment through their actions and ongoing efforts to educate, inform, and lead by example demonstrating environmental leadership and responsibility. They willingly share information to help individuals and companies become more aware of how they can each make a difference and contribute to environmental leadership. The recipient must be a member of the King Chamber of Commerce.

AGE-FRIENDLY BUSINESS AWARD

This award honours a business that demonstrates exceptional leadership in creating an accessible, welcoming, and inclusive environment for older adults (55+). Through age-friendly services, community engagement, and a commitment to accessibility and respect, the business helps older adults remain active, independent, connected, and engaged, contributing to a more age-friendly King Township. Nominations for this award are open to *any business located in King Township*—King Chamber of Commerce membership is not required.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

This special award honours a business in retail or the service industry that has demonstrated exceptional customer service, impressive growth, best business practices, and meaningful community involvement. Nominations for this award are open to *any business located in King Township*—King Chamber of Commerce membership is not required. Not sure who to nominate? Browse King Township's [Interactive Business Directory](#) to find the perfect candidate for this award!