



2017 COTTEN BUSINESS GALA

MAY 26TH 2017

Chippewa of the Thames is hosting its First Annual Business Gala this spring. This will be an evening of recognition to honour Chippewa entrepreneurs and businesses located locally and internationally. We will be celebrating their success achieved through their unique skills, innovation, leadership, and collaboration by showcasing contributions to a wide range of industry — from technology, to food services, to traditional trades.

Attendance to the Gala will be by invitation only so be sure to register through the Business intake form and contact the business center for further information @ 519-289-2662. Once registered you will receive a personal invitation package that will provide the details of the event.

COTTFN BUSINESS GALA committee is accepting nominations for the 2017 Business Gala Awards! Your support is appreciated to acknowledge the best in Chippewa of the Thames!

Please return nomination form to:
2017 Business Gala Planning Committee
77 Anishinaabeg Rd. Muncey, Ontario. N0L 1Y0
businessgala@cottfn.com or fax: 519-289-3117

2017 COTTFN BUSINESS GALA AWARD NOMINATION FORM

-Please Indicate One Award Category-

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rising Star | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Entrepreneur of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Traders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artists & Crafters | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Sustainability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Artists | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative Business |

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

(Please include copy of status card front and back)

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Nominee Signature: _____

I have read and understand the "Eligibility Requirements for Nominees" attached to this form.

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name: _____

Business/Association: _____

Telephone: _____

Please provide a brief description below why you believe the nominee is the best suited for the category selected and how they meet the criteria through their activities.

I am nominating the above person/business for the following reason(s):

I have reviewed the eligibility requirements (see reverse) and to the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information provided is accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Friday, April 14th, 2017 at 12 pm (noon) No Exceptions.

2017 COTTFN Business Gala Award Categories

Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award:

This award honours the contributions that young entrepreneurs aged 19-29 make to the COTTFN Community and the local economy and have been in business for at least 12 months.

Rising Star Award

This award honours a young Entrepreneur (18 and under) that has had a successful one time or ongoing business venture.

Artists & Crafters Award

This award honours painters, beaders, crafters, seamstresses, etc. that are developing their artistic skills and wares for the market place.

Musical Artists Award

This award honours those that are developing in the field of music as an entrepreneurial venture.

Global Business Award

This award honours the business that has ventured into the global market outside of the Nation of Chippewa.

Traditional Traders Award

This award honours hunters, healers & medicine vendors that contribute to the local economy through trade, sales and/or human resources.

Social Sustainability Award

This award honours a business that has a social impact in COTTFN through areas like; employment, green practices, contributions, volunteerism, etc.

Innovative Business Award

This award honours a business that has a unique activity through goods or services as a venture

Winners of the 2017 COTTFN Business Gala Awards will receive recognition and a gift for the outstanding work they are contributing to the local economy of COOTFN. They will be announced on Friday, May 26th, 2017 (Location TBD).

Eligibility Requirements for Nominees

- **Must be registered business with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation**
 - **“Business Intake Form” submitted to Employment & Training**
- **Must be a member of Chippewa of the Thames First Nation**
- **Must own 50% of the nominated business**
- **Can be nominated by anyone excluding self-nominations**
- **Nominees must agree and sign off on the application**

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Nomination packages must be received at the Chippewa Business Centre by

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For information on the 2017 COTTFN Business Gala, contact Dwayne Kechego, Economic Development Officer at 519-289-2662 or dkechego@cottfn.com