



Applications are being accepted for the Waverly Chamber of Commerce & Main Street Program's

## **2026 Distinguished Small Business Award**

Purpose of the award: The Distinguished Small Business Award is given to recognize businesses, of less than 25 employees, which through community involvement, Chamber involvement, and business improvement have made a significant positive impact on the community at large.

Nominees must have been a Chamber member for a minimum of three consecutive years.

Written nominations should include the following information:

- a. An overview of the nominee's involvement in community events, government boards, and charities.
- b. An overview of the nominee's involvement through Chamber leadership and/or committee participation, and attendance at Chamber events.
- c. An overview of the nominee's business improvement through increased in staff, growth in sales, and improvement in facilities.

The Distinguished Large Business Award will be announced at the Annual Awards Celebration on **Thursday, March 26, 2026**. The business will receive a gift and be recognized through media coverage. Nominations will be accepted from the community and from Chamber members who nominate their own business.

**Nomination forms must be received in our office no later than February 20, 2026.**

Please e-mail or send your nomination to Awards Committee at:  
118 E Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA 50677  
Email: [chelsea@waverlychamber.com](mailto:chelsea@waverlychamber.com)

## NOMINATION FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

If Additional space is needed, one additional page may be attached to the nomination.

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- a. Provide an overview of the nominee's involvement in community events, government boards and charities.
  - b. Provide an overview of the nominee's involvement through Chamber leadership and/or committee participation and attendance at Chamber events.
  - c. Provide an overview of the nominee's business improvement through increased staff, growth in sales and improvement in facilities.

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Past Award Recipients**

### DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS AWARD

- 2008 Martin's Brandenburg Restaurant
- 2009 Miller True Value/Just Ask Rental
- 2010 CrawDaddy Outdoors LC
- 2011 Love & Lace Weddings, Flowers & Gifts
- 2012 GMT Corporation
- 2013 Northern Iowa Therapy
- 2014 First National Bank

### DISTINGUISHED SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

*(Replaced Distinguished Business Award)*

- 2015 Keller's Home Furnishings
- 2016 Tenenbaum's Jewelry
- 2017 Waverly Utilities
- 2018 Classic Cleaners
- 2019 East Bremer Diner
- 2021 Root
- 2022 Bo Studio.121
- 2023 Thompson Shoes
- 2024 Waverly Newspapers
- 2025 Tiedt Nursery